Religious Studies

Religious Studies Concentration, Professor Paul Dietrich, Advisor

Religion has been taught as an academic discipline at the University of Montana since 1924. Located within the Global Humanities and Religions Program, the study of religion is pursued in the University in an interdisciplinary setting that offers opportunities for exploration and discovery in many areas of the humanities, art, and sciences. Our Religious Studies courses emphasize the scholarly analysis and interpretation of the history, literature, beliefs, myths, symbols, rituals, ethical and legal codes, and communities and institutions of the world's religious traditions.

We investigate how the world's religions address enduring human questions and influence responses to daily problems, and we explore how religious traditions shape lives and societies, from the emergence of the earliest civilizations to 21st-century global conflicts. Our students engage ideas about the good life and death, suffering and happiness, war and peace, revelation and salvation, God, mysticism, and religious experience. The curriculum is designed to provide students with a broad and deep understanding of religion as a field of human activity and inquiry. Students acquire the skills necessary to investigate specific religious traditions in historical depth and to understand the forms, expressions, and roles of religion in the world today.

Bachelor of Arts - Global Humanities and Religions; Religious Studies Concentration

College Humanities & Sciences

Degree Specific Credits: 39

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Catalog Year: 2017-2018

General Education Requirements

Information regarding these requirements can be found in the General Education Section (http://catalog.umt.edu/academics/general-education-requirements) of the catalog.

Summary

Religious Studies Lower-Division Requirements 20

Introduction to the Humanities
Introduction to Asian Humanities
Near Eastern/Mediterranean courses
South or East Asian Courses

Religious Studies Upper-Division Requirements 24

Theory & Method in the Study of Religion
Religious Studies Courses
Liberal Studies Courses with Religious Studies content
Modern and Classical Language Requirement

Total Hours 44

Religious Studies Lower-Division Requirements
Rule: 20 credits.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

15 Total Credits Required

Introduction to Western Humanities
Rule: Take the following 2 courses.

Note: WRIT 101 is a pre-requisite or co-requisite. General Education fulfillment: GH 151L and GH 152L satisfy both the "designated writing course" and "Literary & Artistic Studies" requirements.

GH 151L Introduction to Western Humanities 3
Antiquity

GH 152L Introduction to the Humanities Medieval to Modern 3

Total Hours 6

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Introduction to Asian Humanities
Rule: Take the following course.

GH 161H Asian Humanities 3

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Near Eastern/Mediterranean Courses
Select one of the following: 3

RLST 204H Intro to the Hebrew Bible
RLST 205L Introduction to New Testament
RLST 225L Christianity

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

South or East Asian Courses
Select one of the following: 3

RLST 232H Buddhism
RLST 234X Hindu Religious Traditions
RLST 238X Japanese Religions

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Religious Studies Upper-Division Requirements
Rule: 24 credits.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

24 Total Credits Required

Theory & Method in the Study of Religion
Rule: Take the following course.

Note: Please see the GHR Director for possible course substitution approval.
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