Employment areas include:
- non-profit
- education
- business
- government
- media
- health services

**71% of recent grads reported having employment or furthering their education within one month of graduation.**

**Our department’s main office building, located at 4 GLEBE STREET, is in a historic house in the center of campus.**

**Classrooms and faculty offices are located throughout the historic campus.**

**WE OFFER:**
- ★ Bachelor of Arts degree
- ★ Minor in Religious Studies

**POPULAR CLASSES**
- Religion and Film
- Eco-Villages
- Religions of India
- Christianity
- African-American Religions
- Tibetan Buddhism

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION**
Our department participates in a survey of religious studies majors administered by the American Academy of Religion. Out of 35 institutions, we rank among the highest. Especially noteworthy: 100% of our alumni who participated in the survey are employed.

**ALUMNI REPORT:**
- ★ A 100% satisfaction rate in our major for the last four years
- ★ Living abroad in vast numbers. Whether that’s working for an NGO in India, for the Peace Corps in Madagascar, for Bloomberg in Hong Kong, or teaching English in Japan.
- ★ Furthering their education at TOP-NOTCH universities

**Quick Facts**

**Student/Faculty Ratio**
15:1

**HIGHLY PERSONALIZED EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**
available to all majors

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Required courses:
RELS 101: Approaches to Religion (3)
OR
RELS 105: World Religions (3)
RELS 210: Theories in the Study of Religion (3)
RELS 450: Senior Seminar in Religious Studies (3) PR: RELS 210 and 9 credit hours in RELS
RELS 451: Capstone Colloquium (1) PR: RELS 210, 450, junior or senior Religious Studies major, 12 credit hours in RELS, or instructor permission

One sacred text course selected from the following:
RELS 201: The Hebrew Bible: History & Interpretation (3)
RELS 205: Sacred Texts of the East (3)
RELS 310*: Sacred Texts (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

Note: *RELS 310 cannot be used to satisfy both the Sacred Text course requirement and the two additional courses at the 300-level or above requirement.

Select one course from each of the following groups (A, B and C):

Group A (choose one):
RELS 223: Religions of the Near East (3)
RELS 225: The Jewish Tradition (3)
RELS 230: The Christian Tradition (3)
RELS 235: The Islamic Tradition (3)

Group B (choose one):
RELS 240: The Buddhist Tradition (3)
RELS 245: The Religions of India (3)
RELS 248: Religious Traditions of China and Japan (3)

Group C (choose one):
RELS 250: Religion in America (3)
RELS 260: Native American Religions (3)
RELS 270: African-American Religions (3)

Select one additional course at the 200-level or above:
RELS 201: The Hebrew Bible: History & Interpretation (3)
RELS 205: Sacred Texts of the East (3)
RELS 220: Comparative Religious Ethics (3)
RELS 223: Religions of the Near East (3)
RELS 225: The Jewish Tradition (3)
RELS 230: The Christian Tradition (3)
RELS 235: The Islamic Tradition (3)
RELS 240: The Buddhist Tradition (3)
RELS 245: The Hindu Tradition (3)
RELS 248: Religious Traditions of China and Japan (3)
RELS 250: Religion in America (3)
RELS 255: Philosophy of Religion (3)
RELS 260: Native American Religions (3)
RELS 270: African-American Religions (3)
RELS 275: Religious Traditions and Scientific Inquiry (3)
RELS 280: Religion and Film (3)
RELS 285: Religion and Feminism (3)
RELS 298: Special Topics in Religious Studies (3)

Select two additional courses at the 300-level or above:
RELS 301: Mysticism and Religious Experiences (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 305: Topics in Indigenous Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 310: Sacred Texts (3) PR: PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 315: New Religious Movements (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 335: Western Esotericism (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 340: Advanced Topics in Asian Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 348: Asian Religions in America (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 350: Phenomenology of Religion (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 360: Myth, Ritual, and Symbol (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 365: Religion and Psychology (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 375: Topics in the History of Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 381: Religious Studies Internship (1-4) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 399: Tutorial (3, Repeatable up to 12) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 405: Advanced Studies in Religion (3) PR: Either 9 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 499: Bachelor's Essay (6) PR: Either 9 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

Select one additional course in religious studies from any of the courses listed (RELS 100-level or higher)

Notes: With the approval of the department chair of religious studies, one course (200-level or above) in a related discipline may be substituted for one of the additional course requirements.