

# WORLD RELIGIONS

## Customize Your Degree

### Popular Double Majors

Anthropology, English, History, International Studies, Law & Justice Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology

### Popular Minors

American Studies, Anthropology, Arabic Studies, Asian Studies, Business Administration, Communication Studies, English, Ethics, History, International Studies, Latin American Studies, Law & Justice Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, Women's & Gender Studies

### Popular CUGS (Certificates of Undergraduate Study)

Arabic, Asian Philosophy & Religion, Elements of Business, Ethics, Global Business, Human Services, Jewish Studies, Management and Leadership, Middle East Studies, Multiethnic American Literature, Philosophy, Public Policy, Queer Theory, Social Justice and Social Change, Training and Development, Women, Gender and Society

## WHY CHOOSE WORLD RELIGIONS?

If you are interested in culture, history, or active engagement in society, a World Religions major can be a valuable complement to many career paths. In a world often shaped by differing belief systems and values, the comparative study of religions fosters greater understanding of how major traditions are expressed across cultures and communities.

Students gain foundational knowledge of the world's major religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The program emphasizes observation, critical inquiry, and informed frameworks for understanding the religious traditions encountered in everyday life. Students learn to evaluate new ideas while thoughtfully examining long-held beliefs, developing analytical and communication skills that support strong performance on exams such as the GRE, LSAT, and MCAT.

Comparative Religion does not teach religious practice or seek to judge any tradition. Instead, it approaches religion as a significant aspect of cultural and communal identity, preparing students to engage thoughtfully and respectfully in an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

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## THE BOTTOM LINE

Our students receive a broad view of the interreligious challenges that face the world today. Importantly, we prepare our students to speak effectively to these challenges. By gaining a deeper understanding of religion and belief, we become better equipped to understand ourselves, engage peacefully with our neighbors, and succeed in professions that involve working closely with others. Our students are also well prepared for careers that require clear, accurate communication on the issues that shape our society.



# WORLD RELIGIONS QUICK FACTS



John Kerry, former Senator and Secretary of State

*“If I headed back to college today, I would major in comparative religions”*



## Potential Career Paths

High School Social Studies or Humanities Teacher  
Academic Advisor or Student Services Professional  
Nonprofit Program Coordinator  
Community Outreach or Advocacy Specialist  
Human Resources or People Operations Associate  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Program Coordinator  
Corporate Training or Learning & Development Assistant  
Public Relations or Communications Specialist  
Content Writer or Editor  
Paralegal or Legal Assistant  
Public Policy or Government Program Analyst (entry-level)  
International Program or Study Abroad Coordinator  
Cultural Liaison or Community Engagement Officer  
Case Manager or Human Services Professional  
Museum, Cultural, or Educational Program Staff



## Course Spotlight:

*Ethics In & Out of Religions, PHRE 11361*

This course examines ethical issues and perspectives raised by particular religions, and how religious moral perspectives influence our understanding of moral theories and dilemmas both within religious traditions and outside them including secular moral philosophers. The course analyzes questions raised by the intersection of ethics and religion with some attention to practical issues and different approaches to ethics. This course may not be offered annually.

