The Religious Studies Program provides an interdisciplinary framework within which students can explore the nature of religion and its impact upon human history, culture, and communities. Courses are academic and non-sectarian.

Students must complete 18 hours of courses approved by the Director of Religious Studies, fifteen (15) of which must be upper-division. Students must take six (6) hours of core courses. The remaining twelve (12) hours may be selected from among non-core courses in Religious Studies or in other departments or programs approved by the Director of Religious Studies.

No more than six (6) hours may be counted from any one department or program outside of Religious Studies. Courses from a student’s major counted towards minor requirements may not be used to satisfy major requirements.

Departments and programs whose courses may be approved for the RS Minor include:

- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Chicano Studies
- English
- History
- Humanities
- Inter-American Jewish Studies
- Latin American and Border Studies
- Philosophy
- Women’s Studies

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