

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

PROGRAM CODE: 2A03869

The **Religious Studies Associate of Arts Degree** is designed for those who want a humanities undergraduate background focusing on religion as a preparation for further study in such fields as education, law, social work, counseling and government service; wish to pursue further studies in religion with the aim of teaching and/or doing research in the subject, or are considering a career in various religious ministries or in religious education. Religious Studies examines Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam and other less familiar traditions. Studying religious traditions develops habits of mind that are very important for life in our multicultural society. Familiarity with the world's religions is necessary for an understanding of church-state issues in America and of geo-political conflicts in South Asia, the Middle East and elsewhere. This degree requires a total of 18 units, in addition to other graduation requirements.

Code	Title	Units
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## Required Courses (12 units):

*(Honors versions of any required course and/or restricted elective course are considered equivalent courses)*

PHIL 101 F	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
PHIL 105 F	World Religions	3
or PHIL 105HF	Honors World Religions	
PHIL 200 F	Introduction to Christianity	3
PHIL 270 F	Introduction to Asian Religions	3

## Restricted Electives (6 units):

ENGL 243 F	Folklore and Mythology	3
or ENGL 243HF	Honors Folklore and Mythology	
HIST 112 F	World Civilizations to 1550 (formerly World Civilizations I)	3
or HIST 112HF	Honors World Civilizations to 1550 (formerly Honors World Civilizations I)	
HIST 113 F	World Civilizations Since 1550 (formerly World Civilizations II)	3
or HIST 113HF	Honors World Civilizations Since 1550 (formerly Honors World Civilizations II)	
HIST 154 F	Ancient Egypt	3
HIST 160 F	Asian Civilizations I (formerly HIST 160AF)	3
HIST 165 F	Introduction to the Middle East	3
or HIST 165HF	Honors Introduction to the Middle East	
PHIL 100 F	Introduction to Philosophy	3
or PHIL 100HF	Honors Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 160 F	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL 170 F	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 172 F	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
PHIL 195 F	Women's Issues in Philosophy	3
PHIL 201 F	History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval	3
PHIL 202 F	History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary	3
PHIL 210 F	Introduction to Judaism	3

PHIL 220 F	The Holocaust (formerly PHIL 198AF)	3
PHIL 225 F	The American Religious Experience	3
PHIL 250 F	The Religion of Islam	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>18</b>

**Outcome 1:** Compare and contrast at least two methods used to study religio

**Outcome 2:** Compare and contrast at least two of the major religious traditions, focusing on an ethical aspect and on an aspect of worship.

**Outcome 3:** Identify and explain at least two major theological issues dividing Protestantism, Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy.

**Outcome 4:** Identify and explain at least two aspects of the world-views held by at least two of the major Asian religious traditions.

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