

### What will I be studying?

The department of Religious Studies examines the history and contemporary form of those human activities labeled religious. We consider not only those social forms widely recognized as religions – such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Hinduism – but also those that test the boundaries of that category in interesting ways – such as Voodoo, ecological movements, and democracy. Students are encouraged to question the implications of labeling certain social forms or human behaviors religious.

Choosing to pursue Religious Studies as your major opens a wide range of possibilities for you to customize your degree plan to pursue other programs of study that align with your personal goals and career plans. Students majoring in Religious Studies typically have the freedom to pair their major curriculum with additional curricular or co-curricular work, such as the pursuit of pre-professional program requirements (e.g., medical or graduate school), up to two minors, a second major, and/or a concurrent baccalaureate degree, all within their expected 8-semester graduation timeframe. The sample four-year plan on this flyer demonstrates the potential room you might have by using your general electives for this purpose. Specific eligibility will depend on your overall academic progress and degree plan, so consult with your major academic advisor for more information!

### Career Ideas!

#### Business

- Administration
- General Business
- Human Resources

#### Communication & the Arts

- Public Relations
- Writing/Editing/Publishing

#### Government & Law

- Civil or Foreign Service Officer
- Lawyer/Advocate

#### Religious Services

- Clergy/Ministry
- Volunteer Coordinator

#### Social Services & Healthcare

- Case Management
- Counseling & Social Work
- Health Professions (all)

*The above list is intended to represent only a sampling of the career possibilities you could pursue with this major*

### Customize Your Degree!

#### Religious Studies Club

The Religious Studies Club at USF seeks to promote an academic understanding of all religions within a friendly and social environment on the USF Tampa campus. We promote the field of religious studies and religious understanding at our meetings, club lectures, and social gatherings in and around the USF campus.

#### Society of Religion, Bioethics, & Medicine

This society was established for future physicians and all those preparing to enter in the healthcare setting who strive to do so for the spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing of those they will care for.

### Get Involved!

## Example Four Year Plan

Year 1		
Fall	Spring	Summer
ENC 1101 English Composition I	ENC 1102 English Composition II	
REL 2300 Intro to World Religions (Human & Cultural Diversity Gen. Ed.)	Humanities Gen. Ed. course	
Mathematics Gen. Ed. course**	Quantitative Reasoning Gen. Ed. course	
Civics Literacy/Social Sciences Gen. Ed. course	<b>General Elective</b>	
Total Hours: 12	Total Hours: 12	Total Hours: 0
Year 2		
Fall	Spring	Summer
Foreign Language I	Foreign Language II	<b>General Elective</b>
Natural Sciences Gen. Ed. course	Info & Data Literacy Gen. Ed. course	<b>General Elective</b>
Creative Thinking Gen. Ed. course	REL 3043 Intro to Major Religious Texts	
REL 3040 Intro to Religious Studies	<b>General Elective</b>	
Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 4
Year 3		
Fall	Spring	Summer
REL Ethical Reas. & Civic Engagement Gen. Ed.	REL High Impact Practice Gen. Ed.	<b>General Elective</b>
Religious Studies Elective	Religious Studies Elective	<b>Upper-level General Elective</b>
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<b>General Elective</b>	<b>General Elective</b>	
<b>General Elective</b>	<b>General Elective</b>	
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 6
Year 4		
Fall	Spring	Total Credit Hours to Graduation
Religious Studies Elective	REL 4931 Seminar in Religion	<b>Major Requirements: 36 hours</b>
Religious Studies Elective	Religious Studies Elective	
<b>Upper-level General Elective</b>	<b>Upper-level General Elective</b>	<b>General Education Requirements: 27 hours</b>
<b>General Elective</b>	<b>General Elective</b>	
<b>General Elective</b>	<b>General Elective</b>	<b>Other Degree Requirements: 57 hours</b>
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 15	Total = 120

Pursuing a major in Religious Studies provides you with flexibility and up to 49 credit hours of general electives to use for curricular and co-curricular options, such as prerequisites for health professions, up to two minors, a second major, or even a concurrent degree!

*Always consult with an academic advisor regarding your specific eligibility.*