

Double Majoring in Religious Studies and International Studies

Benefits of this double major

A double major in religious studies and international studies equips students to understand how religion shapes international affairs and how international forces shape religious communities.

International studies is organized around global studies and regional concentrations. Religion has often played an important role in shaping how peoples in different parts of the world interact. Much intercultural conflict has religious dimensions, and religious thinkers and organizations have addressed the kinds of political, economic, and social forces that international studies examines.

The International Studies program is by its nature interdisciplinary, and the major requirements recognize religious studies as one of the relevant disciplines. This means students will find that some religious studies courses count for the international studies major. This is especially true for students interested in Asia and Asian religions, including the Middle East

Requirements for the majors

Consult the Religious Studies and International Studies departments for details, but the following graphic offers a thumbnail sketch of the requirements for each major. The graphic also helps you see how some courses you take in one major could satisfy requirements in the other.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Total: 40 hours

- REL 110
- Texts and Traditions Track A
- Texts and Traditions Track B
- REL 292
- Electives
No more than one 200-level allowed
One 400-level topics seminar required
- REL 492
Senior Seminar

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Total: 44 hours

- POL/INT 141
- HST/INT 221
- Foreign Language Including 222-level
- Global Studies
From at least two of five areas
- Regional Concentration
Three courses on one region
From at least two disciplines
- INT 461
Senior Seminar

Explanation

REL 110 (Religious Studies) can also count as a Global Studies elective (International Studies).

There are several ways that an elective in Texts and Traditions (Religious Studies) could also count as a Regional Concentration elective (International Studies). Remember, however, that your Regional Concentration electives must come from at least two disciplines, so Religious Studies courses cannot count for all those electives.

REL 201 or 202 could count as both:

Texts and Traditions *Track A*

Regional Concentration, *Asia*

REL 203 could count as both:

Texts and Traditions *Track A*

Regional Concentration, *Middle East*

REL 205 or 211 could count as both:

Texts and Traditions *Track B*

Regional Concentration, *Middle East*



Several 300-level Religious Studies electives could also count as a Regional Concentration elective (International Studies). Remember, however, that your Regional Concentration electives must come from at least two disciplines, so Religious Studies courses cannot count for all those electives.

Courses which can count as a Regional Concentration elective for **Asia**: REL 356, 357, 361, 363

Courses which can count as a Regional Concentration elective for the *Middle East*: REL 363, 364, 365, 366, 379