

## What is Religious Studies?

This program introduces students to the critical study of religions, particularly the religions of antiquity. To ensure direct experience of the central texts of at least one religious tradition there is a strong element of language study. Advanced courses are required in Judaism, classical paganism and Christianity, and ancient philosophy. Concentration on the religious thought and practice of the distant past makes possible a longer perspective on religious issues and a balanced understanding of this important aspect of human behavior.

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select “Undergraduate majors.”

## How do I declare a Religious Studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Religious Studies major, meet with the appropriate person from the department to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for more information on the new major’s declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in Religious Studies?

### Skills

Religious Studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Analyzing and critical thinking skills
- Knowledge of cultures and cultural differences
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Nonprofit—administration, fundraising, programming
- Education—teaching, research, student affairs
- Media—writing, editing, public relations, management
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting
- Government—public information, campaigns, research

Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate

## For more information:

### About the Religious Studies major:

Undergraduate Advising  
245 Nicholson  
(612) 625-5353  
<http://cnes.cla.umn.edu/>

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Society and Culture  
Student Community  
122 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-2549  
<http://sandc.class.umn.edu/>

### or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Program  
19 Johnston Hall  
(612) 625-2300  
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>  
[mlk@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:mlk@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community  
Learning Center  
135 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-7577  
[www.cclc.umn.edu/](http://www.cclc.umn.edu/)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division  
20 Nicholson  
(612) 624-5522  
[www.honors.class.umn.edu/](http://www.honors.class.umn.edu/)  
[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

**Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!**