



DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

Make Your Mark on the World with a Religious Studies Degree!

Want to make money while helping the world to be a better place?
Or, do you already have a major, but are looking for something to help you stand out with your college career?
Consider Religious Studies!



As a Religious Studies major or minor you learn:

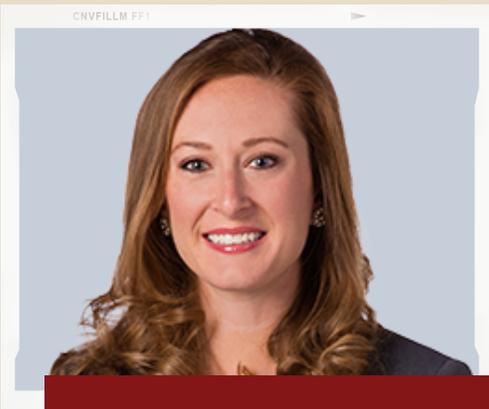
- A broad, global perspective
- A nuanced understanding of the human condition
- Critical thinking & analytic reasoning
- An ability to interrogate and critique forms of power
- How to work in diverse teams
- Cross-cultural communication
- Culturally-grounded critical judgement and decision making
- How to be an effective oral and written communicator
- How to solve complex problems

Our Religious Studies graduates
do amazing things!
Our alumni (majors and minors) have
gone on to become:

- State Representatives
- Intelligence Analysts for the FBI
- Attorneys & Counselors at Law
- Supervisors of Library Programs
- Special Collections Assistants at University Research Libraries
- Physical Therapists
- Residents in Family Medicine
- Physician Assistants
- Counselors & Caseworkers
- Non-Profit Managers
- Teachers & Faculty
- Freelance Writers
- Clergy & Religious Advisors



Paige Hoster Good,
RELS major, Class of 2009
Partner & Trial Attorney at McAfee Taft
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The coursework in RELS translated quite perfectly to the work of an attorney. RELS required me to listen, read, analyze, spot issues, ask questions and articulate my analysis and reasoning—whether in a written product or during in-person class discussions and presentations. This is, frankly, the work of a litigation attorney. Most importantly, RELS taught me how to think, develop an inquisitive mind, and continually ask questions even if the answers are unknown, because the questions in themselves are important. These are skills that can take you anywhere in life, regardless of a specific career path.

Separate Yourself from Your Peers with Religious Studies!

When I was an undergraduate student at OU, Religious Studies was one of my double minors. To me, to understand my major of Human Relations, it could only be propped up in the context of what makes humans who they are – culture and language (Spanish), as well as faith (religious studies). Looking back, I wish I would have double majored in Religious Studies. I read works such as the Quran, I learned a new perspective of the Apostle Paul, and what it meant to reach “enlightenment.” This field of study is so much more than what people believe – it is a lens by which we can see inside someone and better relate/connect. And, I think our world could use a great deal more empathy!



Morgan Brammer, RELS minor,
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Director of Recruitment at the
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Don't forget about a double major! Religious Studies is
an excellent complement to a number of fields,
including:

Medicine
Law
Education
Journalism
Politics
Languages
Writing
Sociology
Business
Native American Studies

Education
Anthropology
African & African American Studies
Public Administration & Non-Profit
Management
International and Area Studies
Social Work
Philosophy
Psychology
Communications
Women's and Gender Studies

As a Religious Studies major or minor you can:

- Engage in independent research projects with any of our faculty
- Participate in a 4-week long summer study abroad archaeological field study in Huqoq, Israel with Dr. Cline
- Learn what Michael Jackson teaches us about Religion & Black Popular Music with Dr. Hill, Jr.
- Participate in a “canonization” simulation in Dr. Hicks-Keeton’s Lost Scriptures course
- Consider the question, “What is your intellectual project?” with Dr. Vishanoff
- Reenact religious debate in the Chinese imperial court as a Buddhist, Daoist, Confucian, Christian, Muslim, or Zoroastrian in Dr. Goble's Chinese Religions course
- Learn how religion factors into our economic world with Dr. Moodie in her Money, Power, and Gods course
- Simulate the events leading up to India’s partition in the Religion & Nationalism in India course



The practical stuff:

- RELS can easily pair with double majors and multiple minors.
- Some RELS courses may count toward your major or minor and your GenEd requirements at the same time.
- Be sure to check out our major and minor degree checksheets for more information on our courses and the requirements for a degree or minor.
- Feel free to contact our advisor, Jennie Lazar, at jlazar@ou.edu

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