

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Department Website (<http://www.cas.sc.edu/relg/>)

The study of religion provides insight into the fascinating ways in which people live their lives in light of the sacred. With an emphasis on critical thinking, honest analysis and an openness to new ideas, religious studies is a dynamic and necessarily multidisciplinary field involving ideas and methods drawn from philosophy, anthropology, history, art, literature, sociology and theology, among other fields. Learning about religion provides students opportunities to explore different cultures and develop a global perspective.

The department offers a Bachelor of Arts and a minor in religious studies. We also have an intensive major option for those who wish to add a research component and complete a thesis. Graduates will be prepared for careers in many fields, such as human services, student affairs, management, non-profit administration and more. Students may find religious studies to be a complementary double major or minor in preparing for pre-health, pre-law or other post-baccalaureate tracks, such as divinity school.