Religious Studies Cognates

Christianity
This cognate introduces students to historical and contemporary Christianity.

Courses

Complete exactly 1 course from the following:
REL 232 History of Christianity

Complete exactly 2 courses from the following:
REL 101 Introduction to Religion
REL 103 One God
REL 131 Religion in American Life
REL 238 Holy War and Toleration in Western Religious Traditions
REL 322 Paul: Letters and Controversies
REL 324 The Bible and Modern Film
REL 325 Jesus in Myth and History
REL 343 Catholic Life and Thought
REL 348 Reformation Europe
REL 353 Religion and American Politics
REL 347 Experiencing Religion: Conversion

Ethics in the Humanities: Religion, Philosophy, Politics
This cognate examines important themes and major figures in religious, philosophical, and political ethics.

Courses:

Complete exactly 2 courses from the following:
REL 102 Problem of God
REL 151 Religion and Moral Choices
REL 252 Religion and Human Sexuality
REL 300 Race and Religion
REL 350 Current Issues in Religion
REL 351 Religious Issues in Death and Dying
REL 353 Religion and American Politics
REL 354 Religion and the Problem of Evil

Complete exactly 1 course from the following:
PHI 130 Contemporary Moral Issues
PHI 330 Ethics
PHI 351 Philosophy of Religion
POL 556 Political Ethics
God and Science
This cognate explores the intersection of religion, philosophy, politics, and science, with special attention to the relationship between religious beliefs and scientific theories.

Courses:
Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:
REL 151 Religion and Moral Choices
REL 351 Religious Issues in Death and Dying
REL 352 Religion and Science
REL 360 Religion and Bioethics
REL 451 Ethics and Genetics
PHI 343 Philosophy of Science
PHI 351 Philosophy of Religion
POL 310 God, Science, Politics

Islam
This cognate introduces students to historical and contemporary Islam.

Courses:
Complete exactly 1 course from the following:
REL 171 Introduction to Islam

Complete exactly 2 courses from the following:
REL 101 Introduction to Religion
REL 103 One God
REL 238 Holy War and Toleration in Western Religious Traditions
REL 331 Religions of Asia
REL 370 Islam in Modern Times
REL 371 Islam and Gender
REL 376 Shi‘ism: Religion, Culture, and History
REL 377 Sufism: Islamic Mysticism
ARH 260 Islamic Art

Judaism
This cognate introduces students to historical and contemporary Judaism.

Courses
Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:
REL 103 One God
REL 111 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
REL 231 Judaism and Jewish Thought
REL 311 Prophecy and Prophetic Literature
REL 312 Five Books of Moses
REL 314 Rise of Judaism
REL 344 Hollywood and Popular Culture: The American Jewish Experience
REL 375 Religion and Democracy in Israel

**Religion and Contemporary Identity**
How Religion impacts the contemporary construction of social, cultural, racial, and political identity

**Courses**
**Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:**
REL 101 Introduction to Religion
REL 345 Religion and Gender
REL 350 Current Issues in Religion
REL 351 Religious Issues in Death and Dying
REL 353 Religion and American Politics
REL 358 Race and Religion
REL 361 Religion and Youth in Contemporary America
REL 371 Islam and Gender
REL 375 Religion and Democracy in Israel
SOC 340 Sociology of Religion

**Religion and the Body**
This cognate explores the manner in which religion defines, ritualizes, and regulates human bodies. The courses in this cognate emphasize the influence of religion on cultural and social constructions of the human body.

**Courses**
**Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:**
REL 252 Religion and Human Sexuality
REL 351 Religious Issues in Death and Dying
REL 345 Religion and Gender
REL 358 Race and Religion
REL 360 Religion and Bioethics
REL 371 Islam and Gender
REL 451 Ethics and Genetics

**Religion in the Americas**
This cognate explores a hemispheric approach to religion in the Americas and the Caribbean.

**Courses**

**Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:**
- REL 131 Religion in American Life
- REL 236 Religious Cults and New Religious Movements in America
- REL 330 Caribbean Religion
- REL 338 Latin American and Latino/a Religion
- REL 343 Catholic Life and Thought
- REL 353 Religion and American Politics
- REL 358 Race and Religion
- REL 361 Religion and Youth in Contemporary America
- HIS 265 Witchcraft in Colonial America
- SPA 321 Introduction to Literary Themes
- SPA 353 Colonial Spanish American Topics

**Religion in the Ancient World**

A survey and cross-section of various religious cults and phenomenon across the Mediterranean world with emphasis on the ancient Near East and Classical worlds.

**Courses**

**Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:**
- REL 301 Ancient Greece
- REL 302 Hellenistic Age
- REL 303 The Roman Republic
- REL 304 The Roman Empire
- REL 305 Religion and Culture in the Ancient Hear East
- REL 307 Religion and Culture in Pre-Islamic Arabia
- REL 308 The Greco-Roman Context of Christianity
- REL 380 Archaeology of Palestine from Pre-Historic to Islam
- CLA 225 Magic and the Occult in Antiquity
- CLA 373 Religions of Rome
- CLA 372 Greek Religion

**Religion, Law, and Civic Engagement**

This cognate introduces the role of religion within civic engagement.

**Courses**

**Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:**
- REL 151 Religion and Moral Choices
- REL 231 Jewish Civilization: Society, Culture, and Religion
- REL 343 Catholic Life and Thought
- REL 350 Current Issues in Religion
REL 375 Religion and Democracy in Israel
REL 380 Archaeology of Palestine from Pre-Historic to Islam
JUS 205/JUS 206: Holocaust Survivor Support Internship
REL 408/REL 409 Holocaust Survivor Support Internship
REL 409 Religion and Civic Engagement

**Religion, Myth, and Interpretation**
This cognate introduces students to theories of interpretation through the study of myth and religion. It examines how humans use language to form and communicate conceptions of reality, focusing on the highly elusive concept "myth."

**Courses**
**Complete exactly 1 course from the following:**
REL 102 Problem of God
REL 325 Jesus in Myth and History
REL 356 Myth and Religion

**Complete exactly 2 courses from the following:**
REL 111 Intro to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)
REL 305 Religion and Culture in the Ancient Hear East
REL 311 Prophecy and Prophetic Literature
REL 345 Religion and Gender
REL 354 Religion and the Problem of Evil
CLA 220 Greek and Roman Mythology
CLA 372 Greek Religion
CLA 373 Religions of Rome

**Religious Issues in the Modern World**
This cognate examines the relevance of religion to contemporary issues, focusing on the manner in which religion influences and is influenced by the modern world.

**Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:**
REL 102 Problem of God
REL 151 Religion and Moral Choices
REL 354 Religion and the Problem of Evil
REL 350 Current Issues in Religion
REL 370 Islam in Modern Times
POL 310 God, Science, Politics
SOC 340 Sociology of Religion

**The Bible**
This cognate explores historical and contemporary interpretations of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.

**Complete exactly 1 course from the following:**
REL 111 Intro to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)
REL 121 Intro to New Testament

**Complete exactly 2 courses from the following:**
REL 311 Prophecy and Prophetic Literature
REL 321 Jesus and the Gospels
REL 322 Paul: Letters and Controversies
REL 324 The Bible and Modern Film
REL 325 Jesus in Myth and History
REL 326 The Bible in History
REL 312 Five Books of Moses

**The Philosophy of Religion**
This cognate engages philosophical questions on the nature of religion.

**Complete exactly 3 courses from the following:**
REL 102 Problem of God
REL 103 One God
REL 151 Religion and Moral Choices
REL 238 Holy War and Toleration in Western Religious Traditions
REL 350 Current Issues in Religion
REL 347 Experiencing Religion: Conversion
REL 351 Religious Issues in Death and Dying
REL 354 Religion and the Problem of Evil
REL 356 Myth and Religion
REL 451 Ethics and Genetics
PHI 351 Philosophy of Religion