

HONOURS BA RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Please note that admission to the Honours BA Religious Studies is suspended until further notice.

The Honours BA in Religious Studies will give you a thorough training in methods used to study religion and will allow you to specialize in one of three concentrations within the program: Spiritualities and Cultures; Religion, Politics, and Public Policy; or Religion in Antiquity. For courses included in these concentrations, see the program requirements. You will learn how human religiosity intersects with other areas of human activity and will be able to think critically and comparatively about those interactions—a skill that is valuable in many areas of work. The program will qualify you to apply to graduate programs in the study of religion.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/classics-religious-studies/undergraduate-program/>)

Program Requirements

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
PHI 1101	Reasoning and Critical Thinking	
PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
PHI 1102	Moral Reasoning	
PHI 1103	Fundamental Philosophical Questions	
PHI 1104	Great Philosophers	
PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	
Total:		12 Units

Compulsory Course at the 1000 level

SRS 1112	The Religions of the World I	3 Units
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Compulsory Courses at the 2000 level

SRS 2113	The Religions of the World II	3 Units
SRS 2191	Sociology of Religion	3 Units
SRS 2194	Anthropology of Religion	3 Units

Compulsory Course at the 3000 level

SRS 3102	Method and Theory in the Study of Religion	3 Units
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Compulsory Course at the 4000 level

SRS 4302	Seminar in Religious Studies	3 Units
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3 course units from: 3 Units

SRS 2351	Psychology of Religion	
SRS 3353	Contemporary Issues in Psychology of Religion	

Optional Courses

15 optional course units from either list A or list B or list C² 15 Units

3 optional course units in religious studies (SRS) at the 4000 level 3 Units

15 optional course units in religious studies (SRS) at the 3000 or 4000 level³ 15 Units

6 optional course units in religious studies (SRS) at the 1000, 2000, 3000, or 4000 level 6 Units

Total: 60 Units

Elective Courses

48 elective course units 48 Units

Total: 48 Units

The electives may be replaced by a combination of a Minor, Microprogram(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/undergrad/honours-ba-religious-studies/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.

Note(s)

¹ This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.

² 9 of the 15 course units must be in religious studies (SRS)

³ The number of units at the 3000 level can be reduced according to the number of courses already taken at the 3000 or 4000 level.

List A - Spiritualities and Cultures

ANT 3140	Cultures, Societies and Identity	3 Units
ARB 2101	Arabic Culture I	3 Units
ARB 2102	Arabic Culture II	3 Units
EAS 3103	Indigenous Spiritualities in the Americas	3 Units
SRS 2114	Religion and Sexuality	3 Units
SRS 2172	Religion, Animals, Nature	3 Units
SRS 2393	Religion and Death	3 Units
SRS 2398	Religion and Health	3 Units
SRS 3100	Religion in a Digital Age	3 Units
SRS 3110	Religion, Spirituality and Secularism in the Contemporary World	3 Units
SRS 3112	Sainthood and Heresy	3 Units
SRS 3113	Religion and Cinema	3 Units
SRS 3119	Shamanic Traditions	3 Units
SRS 3130	Pilgrimages, Healings, and Miracles	3 Units
SRS 3140	Religion, Art and Mythology	3 Units
SRS 3190	Religion and Popular Culture	3 Units
SRS 3353	Contemporary Issues in Psychology of Religion	3 Units

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SRS 3354	Mysticism and Spiritual Experience	3 Units
YDD 2104	Yiddish Culture, Literature, and Film	3 Units

List B - Religion, Politics, and Public Policy

ANT 3326	Indigenous Resurgences in a Globalized World	3 Units
CMN 2168	Globalization and Communication	3 Units
CMN 2181	Intercultural Communication	3 Units
HIS 2105	History of the Jews in Canada	3 Units
HIS 2160	History of the Middle East from World War I	3 Units
POL 3171	Immigration, Multiculturalism and Citizenship in Canada and Quebec	3 Units
SRS 2111	Women and Religions	3 Units
SRS 2195	Religion and Politics in Global Society	3 Units
SRS 2386	Religion in Canada from First Contact to Modern Challenges	3 Units
SRS 3100	Religion in a Digital Age	3 Units
SRS 3139	Native Peoples and Christianity	3 Units
SRS 3165	Gender and Religion	3 Units
SRS 3191	Religion and Globalization	3 Units
SRS 3385	Religion and Multiculturalism in Canada	3 Units
SOC 3309	Secularism and Religion	3 Units

List C - Religion in Antiquity

CLA 2110	Archaeological Methods and Techniques	3 Units
CLA 2122	Ancient Wisdoms	3 Units
CLA 2323	Greek Mythology	3 Units
SRS 2170	The World of the Hebrew Bible	3 Units
SRS 2382	The World of the New Testament	3 Units
SRS 2383	Religion in Late Antiquity	3 Units
SRS 3185	Jesus of Nazareth	3 Units
SRS 3187	The World of the Apocryphal Texts	3 Units
SRS 3333	Religions of the Graeco-Roman World	3 Units