

Religious Studies

Major

- (1) Total credit requirements by track
 - Multiple Major Track: Min. of 36 credits
 - Major Concentration Track: Min. of 45 credits, Teacher Training Track: Min. of 51 credits
 - Practical Major Track: Min. 45 credits
- (2) Required major course: REL2001 (3 credits)
- (3) Multiple majors are required to take a minimum of 36 credits, including 12 required and 24 general major courses.
- (4) Concentration majors and students in the Education Training Program are required to take a minimum of 45 credits, including 12 required, 24 general major and 9 major concentration courses.
- (5) Practical majors are required to take a minimum of 45 credits, including 12 required, 24 general major and 9 practical major courses. Major practical courses taken over 9 credits can be replaced with major general courses up to 6 credits.
- (6) All majors are required to take 9 credits in religious tradition, 3 credits in scripture readings, 3 credits in religious theory and 6 credits in religious themes.
- (7) For practical majors, the following classes in the three sections may be recognized as practical major courses:
 - Religion and Media section: COM3408
 - Religion and Social Welfare: PSY3002, PSY4008, PSY4013 and REL3049
 - Religion and Business: MGT2001, MGT4601 and MGT4105

Course Completion Roadmap

Multiple Majors	Major Concentration Track (incl. Teacher Training)	Practical Major Track			Yr.
	Major Concentration Courses (9+ cr.)	Practical Major Courses (9+ cr.)			
	REL3016, REL3031, REL3039, REL3040, REL3041, REL3037, REL3048, REL3047	Religion and Media	Religion and Social Welfare	Religion and Business	3-4
		COM3408	PSY3002, PSY4008, PSY4013, REL3049	MGT2001, MGT4601, MGT4105	
General Major Courses (24+ cr.)					
Rel. Traditions (9+ cr.)	Scriptures Readings (3+ cr.)	Rel. Theories (3+ cr.)	Rel. Themes (6+ cr.)		
REL3008-REL3010	REL3018,	REL3027-	REL3023		2-4

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REL3012, REL3013 REL3015, REL3017 REL3026 REL3032, REL3033 REL3035, REL3036 REL3044	REL3019 REL3020, REL3021 REL3024	REL3030	REL3034 REL3038 REL3042 REL3043 REL3045 REL3046	
Basic Major Courses (3 credits of required courses / 12+ cr.)				
REL2001, REL3001-REL3004		REL3005-REL3007, REL3011, REL3014, REL3022		1-2
Required Pre-Major Courses (3+ cr.)				
Select one from following: HSS3011, HSS3012 and HSS3013				2
Core/Required Core Courses				1

REL2001 Understanding Religion 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A basic course for the general understanding of world religions: implications and functions of religion, religion and culture, religion and society, and a survey of research methods.

REL3001 History of Hinduism 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A study of Hinduism's historical development, from the Indus (valley) civilization to the Gandhi's era, covering various ideologies and diverse characteristics of Hinduism.

REL3002 History of Buddhism 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A historical study of the various faces of Buddhism, from Gotama Buddha to Mahayana Buddhism, and its development in Asian countries such as India, China and Korea.

REL3003 History of Islam 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A historical study of the origin, development, sects, society and culture of Islam, and an understanding of the Koran, Hadith and Sufism.

REL3004 History of Chinese 3 cr.

Religious Tradition

(lect.: 2hr, Seminar/Discussion: 1hr)

A historical survey of the major streams in Chinese religious tradition from its origin to the present, including the oracle bone scripts, the ideological integration of the Han dynasty, the three religions (Buddhism, Confucianism and Daoism), and the establishment of Neo-Confucianism.

REL3005 History of Japanese Religions and Culture 3 cr.

(lect.: 2hr, Seminar/Discussion: 1hr)

A historical survey of the development of Japanese religions, from Shinto, Buddhism, Daoism and Confucian thoughts to the Western ideologies, and the comparison with Chinese and Korean thoughts.

REL3006 History of the Ancient Middle East 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A historical study of religions in the ancient Middle East (Sumer, Babylonia, Assyria, Hittite, Canaan, Egypt and Persia).

REL3007 Understanding of Christianity 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

The core ideology of Christianity is based on the point of view on God. The

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Christian point of view on God should be understood and interpreted based on the events involving Jesus Christ two million years ago. The theological achievements of the ancient church are concentrated on the Trinity, which has produced various historical interpretations to date. Understanding the point of view on God is a theme penetrating the core ideology of Christianity as this provides the stepping stone to the development of Christian views on humans, the world and history.

REL3008 Major Themes of Confucianism 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A contemporary survey of the main thoughts of Confucianism: human being, family, political and economic principles, culture, and the universe from an ecological perspective.

REL3009 Major Themes of Daoism 3 cr.

(Lecture: 3 hours)

A contemporary survey of main thoughts in Daoist tradition: human being, politics of non-action, life, equality and peace, salvation and its ecological perspective.

REL3010 Contemporary Islam 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A study of Islamic religious tradition in the contemporary world, its historical, political, social and economic significance, and the problems of Islam extremists.

REL3011 Shamanism in the World 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A historical and comparative study of shamanism in Siberia and Northeastern Asia, and an investigation of the revival of shamanism in the contemporary world.

REL3012 Core Thoughts of Christianity 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

The Christian ideology, originating in the birth and death of Jesus two thousand years ago, has a characteristic of "messianism." This course deals with Jesus-Christian belief and the meanings

based on the Bible.

REL3013 Understanding of Korean Christianity 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

Despite the short history of Korean Christianity (200 years of Catholic and 100 years of Protestant), it has made significant contributions to the Korean society. This course is designed to identify the relationship between Christianity and other religions in Korea by examining the underlying teachings, historic changes and significances of Christianity.

REL3014 History of Judaism 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A systematic study on the development of Judaism from Talmud through other important persons in Jewish mysticism, along with the negotiations present among the three main religions believing in monotheism.

REL3015 Islamic Culture 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

A study of the historic development of Islam and its cultural traditions, from the Pre-Islam era, Muhammad and Quran, to Islam mysticism.

REL3016 War and Peace in Islam 3 cr.

(lect.: 3hr)

Christianity and Islam have been two pillars of the three monotheistic religions of the world. This course is to understand the similarities and historic encounters of the two religions, and to examine their cultural accomplishments and religious ideas.

REL3017 Confucianism and Taoism 3 cr. in Chinese Culture

(lect.: 3hr)

A comprehensive understanding of Confucianism and Taoism, the roots for Chinese culture, and their influence on the lifestyle of Chinese people.

REL3018 Readings in Buddhism 3 cr.

(lect.: 1hr, Reading: 2hr)

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A detailed study of selected documents of Buddhism, to promote a precise and in-depth understanding of Buddhism.

REL3019 Readings in Hinduism 3 cr. (lect.: 1hr, Reading: 2hr)

A detailed study of selected documents of Hinduism, to promote a precise and in-depth understanding of Hinduism.

REL3020 Readings in Confucianism 3 cr. (lect.: 1hr, Reading: 2hr)

A detailed study of Confucian canonical classics (the Analects of Confucius, Mencius, Hsün-tzū, The Doctrine of the Mean and The Great Learning) and their commentaries as texts. This course seeks to grasp the core idea of Confucianism and to understand it from the religious perspective.

REL3021 Readings in Daoism 3 cr. (lect.: 1hr, Reading: 2hr)

A detailed study of the canonical texts of Daoism (including Laozi, Zhuāngzǐ and Bao Pu zi) to promote a religious understanding of Daoism and to compare Daoism with other religions.

REL3022 History of Korean Religions 3 cr. (lect.: 3hr)

A historical survey of Korean Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Shamanism and new religious movements, from the ancient times to present day.

REL3023 Understanding of Myth 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

An investigation into myths by means of various methodologies, including structuralism, depth psychology and post-mythology, to promote an understanding of the significance, history, symbolic meanings and social functions of myth.

REL3024 Reading Christianity 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

Based on the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, many theologians and Christian philosophers have left abundant writings and books, including patristic

materials of early Christianity. This is an essential course to encounter the origin of Christian philosophy needed to read and understand the books and writings.

REL3026 Understanding of Korean Confucianism 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A historical study to understand the development and characteristics of Korean Confucianism, to read and discuss major Confucian writings, to understand the 20th century Confucianism, and to predict the future.

REL3027 Phenomenology of Religion 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A study on the theories of Kristensen, van der Leeuw, Eliade and other representative phenomenologists, and of the present-day tendencies of religious phenomenology. Students may embark on research of a specific theme regarding religious phenomena.

REL3028 Anthropology of Religion 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A course to promote a multi-dimensional understanding of religious phenomena by studying the origins, functions and symbolic actions of religions. Students may embark on research of a specific theme, such as the theories of religious anthropologists Victor, Witter, Turner or Clifford Geertz.

REL3029 Psychology of Religion 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A study of the relationship between religious phenomena and human psychology, focusing on the influence of religion on personal maturation. Students may embark on research of a specific theme, such as the theories of religious psychologists.

REL3030 Philosophy of Religion 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A course to pursue a critical understanding of religion through a philosophical examination of the existence of

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God, the immortality of the soul, transmigration, and other religious problems, and through the analysis of the structure of human existence.

REL3031 God in Christianity 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A discussion on the philosophical questions related to religions, such as proof of the existence of God, immortality, resurrection, definition of religion and religious languages.

REL3032 New Korean Religions 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A general study of the formation, development and contemporary meanings of new Korean religions, including Tonghak, Chungsangyo and Won Buddhism.

REL3033 Studies in Korean Shamanism 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A comprehensive examination on the faith, God and religious experiences of Korean Shamanism from historic and anthropological perspectives, and the influence of Korean Shamanism in the Korean religious culture.

REL3034 Religion in the Global Era 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A study on how the socio-economic changes of the global era have affected the religious culture and how such changes have strengthened inter-connectivity between locals and the global world, centering on the perspectives of fundamentalism, spiritual reform, the Pentecostal Church, the new spiritual movement and popular Buddhism.

REL3035 Zen Buddhism 3 cr.
(lect.: 3hr)

A comprehensive investigation into Zen, including its essence, history, mysticism and art.

REL3036 Comparative Mysticism 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A comparative examination of mysticism

in great world religious traditions, in an attempt to theoretically systematize mysticism. Students may conduct research on the comparison between two traditions of mysticism.

REL3037 East Asian Religious Traditions and Christianity 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

A historical understanding of East Asian Christianity in relation to the religions of China, Korea and Japan (Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Shamanism, Shintoism), and a comparison between Christianity and the traditional ideologies of East Asian countries.

REL3038 Gender and Religion 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Seminar/discussion: 1hr)

An exploration of the history, culture and self-understanding of women in several major religious traditions. Reading religious texts, students will analyze the social roles and symbolism of women in each religious community in terms of tradition and the gender-equal future.

REL3039 Inter-religious Dialogues 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Discussion: 1hr)

An investigation of problems and positive possibilities in inter-religious dialogues from the perspectives of comparative religious studies and the philosophy of religion.

REL3040 Religion and Environment 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Seminar/discussion: 1hr)

An investigation into environmental and ecological problems from the perspectives of comparative religious studies. This course is to pursue solutions to the environmental problems based on the religious ideas about nature, God and humans.

REL3041 Religion and Cyberculture 3 cr.
(lect.: 2hr, Seminar/discussion: 1hr)

An investigation of religious questions that newly emerge in the contemporary cyberculture and information society. This course aims at an understanding of the religious implications of new media tech-

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nology and virtual reality.

REL3042 Religion and Arts 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Seminar/discussion: 1hr)

An investigation of the various forms of religious arts in architecture, film, literature, music, painting, pop arts, theatre and so on. This course aims at an understanding of the aesthetic implications of religious experiences and thoughts.

REL3043 Self-cultivation and Contemplation 3 cr. (lect.: 3hr)

A comparative study of the theory of self-cultivation and contemplation in various religious traditions from the ecumenical perspective, combined with actual practices in the classroom.

REL3044 Christian Spiritualities and Mysticism 3 cr. (lect.: 3hr)

Since the birth of Christianity, its religious dogma has been broadly accumulated and systematically recorded. On the other hand, asceticism and spirituality, which represent mysticism, have also maintained tradition. Both mysticism and spirituality are the fundamentals of Christian life. This course is designed to understand the secular world, which is hard to understand by the Christian dogma, and the experiences of the mysterious relationship between humans and the world, by theological languages.

REL3045 Pragmatism and Religion 3 cr. (lect.: 3hr)

A critical examination of pragmatism, which is emerging in the course of religious discourses. In particular, this course will review the ideas of representative thinkers in the religious studies, such as Charles Genders Perth, William James and John Dewy, and the religious discourses based on their ideas.

REL3046 Death and Dying 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Seminar/discussion: 1hr)

A comparison of various religions

concerning death and after-life, to understand the psychological and ethical issues as well as the symbolic and social implications of death and dying.

REL3047 Transpersonal Psychology and Religion 3 cr. (lect.: 2hr, Seminar/discussion: 1hr)

A study on the universal spirituality that has been discussed in North America since 1970, based on the discussions about the religious experiences of William James.

REL3048 Graduation Thesis 3 cr.

A required course in the last semester of fourth year; each student writes a thesis under the guidance of a professor.

REL3049 Religion and Welfare 3 Credits

This course has a goal of analyzing critically the foundation of science of religion to expand the understanding about the life the religious tradition is moving toward to the views of religious welfare.

RELQ981 Religion Subject: Educational Theories 3 cr. (lect.: 3hr)

Religious education delivers religious lessons, which is a most fundamental source of teaching to humanity. This education pursues universal lessons of all religions to contribute to fostering all-rounded talents.

RELQ982 Religion Subject: Logic and Essays 3 cr. (lect.: 3hr)

This course helps students understand religions through data and information provided by religious studies. It emphasizes religious experiences and practices, shying away from religious biases.

RELQ983 Religion Subject: Textbook and Guiding Study 3 cr. (lect.: 3hr)

A study on how to efficiently deliver the core lessons of religions. This course provides meticulous and scientific education techniques to meet the goal of

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religious education, not focusing on any particular religion.