Religious Studies (Religion, Politics and Global Affairs), BA

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Accelerated options for this program are not currently available to ASU Online students.

Questions regarding religion and its relationship with governments, public health, and migration directly affect our daily lives. With a foundation in religious studies, you are prepared to solve real-world problems like these from within any of a multitude of careers.

Program Description

The BA program in religious studies with a concentration in religion, politics and global affairs considers how the study of religion expands the understanding of political culture, communal formation, governance, nationalism, statehood and citizenship in both domestic and global contexts.

Students explore the role religion has in shaping political values, social movements, civic organizations and communal norms, with particular attention on how religion impacts issues of health, the environment, migration, peace, conflict, violence and various issues of social justice. Special consideration is given to the religious intersections of nationality, ethnicity, race, gender and other vital facets of human community and identity.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing a concurrent degree or second baccalaureate in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit The College's website for more information and requirements. https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees

At a Glance
• **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• **Location:** Tempe campus or Online, ASU Local

• **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• **Math Intensity:** General

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**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)
2022 - 2023 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

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**Concurrent Program Options**

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a double major) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

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**Accelerated Program Options**

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Global Management (Creative Industries and Design Thinking), MGM
- Global Management (Digital Audience Strategy), MGM
- Global Management (Global Affairs), MGM
- Global Management (Global Business), MGM
- Global Management (Global Development and Innovation), MGM
- Global Management (Global Digital Transformation), MGM
- Global Management (Global Entrepreneurship), MGM
- Global Management (Global Health Care Delivery), MGM
- Global Management (Global Legal Studies), MGM
- Global Management (Integrated Health Care), MGM
- Global Management (Nonprofit Leadership and Management), MGM
- Global Management (Public Administration), MGM
- Global Management (Public Policy), MGM
Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

*General University Admission Requirements:*
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

| Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission |

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

*ASU Online*

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu).

*ASU Local*

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local [here](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu).

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).
Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Religion plays a major role in societal norms, politics and traditions all over the world. Through study abroad (there are over 250 unique programs), students witness diverse religions and cultures firsthand and gain a heightened understanding of the impact of religion. The cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills they also acquire will enhance their resumes. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in religious studies with a concentration in religion, politics and global affairs: [https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/shprs/religious-studies](https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/shprs/religious-studies).

Career Opportunities
Religious studies majors seek jobs in many professional areas, including:

- chaplaincy
- diversity management
- education
- foreign service
- health care, including mental health and counseling
- journalism
- law
- nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations
- public service and public policy
- publishing

Religious studies is an excellent foundation for graduate and professional studies in:

- anthropology
- gender studies
- health care
- history
- law
- justice studies
- philosophy
- political science
- sociology
- theology
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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