

Religious Studies

*Master of Arts
Doctor of Philosophy*

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Facilities for Graduate Work

Graduate students in religious studies have access to significant collections of research materials in a number of fields. The Perry-Castañeda Library houses nearly 200,000 volumes cataloged under categories pertaining to religious studies. The University Libraries also have extensive microfilm and microfiche holdings of document collections and provide access to important online collections of source materials. University Libraries' substantial holdings in history, classics, sociology, anthropology, Asian studies, and Middle Eastern studies are invaluable to students studying religion. Special collections in the Harry Ransom Center, the Benson Latin American Collection, and the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History also offer opportunities for research.

Areas of Study

Students develop specialization in areas of concentration that are defined geographically, historically, or in some cases, methodologically. In all areas of concentration, students study the development of and interactions between religious phenomena in their particular cultural and historical contexts, and they use relevant theories and methodologies to understand these phenomena. Students define their major, supporting, and thematic fields within their area(s) of concentration.

Students take a set of required courses established by each of these concentrations and fields in order to develop the research and interpretative skills necessary for original research and to learn the contextual knowledge necessary for understanding religion within a particular geographical and chronological framework.

The four areas of concentration are Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean, Religion in the Americas, Religion and Society, and Religions in History.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

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