Graduate Degree Programs
The Department of Religion offers a Master of Arts in Religion.

Admission
The Graduate College admission requirements apply. Applicants need not have an undergraduate major in the study of religion, but they must demonstrate a capacity to undertake advanced study in this area of inquiry. All applications for admission must be supported by three letters of recommendation from persons qualified to comment on the applicant’s aptitude for graduate study in religion. Applicants are required to submit a sample of their written work. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. International applicants whose native language is not English must take the IELTS or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and have their scores submitted to Institution Code #1836, Dept. #00. A score of at least 600 on the paper-based test (PBT), or 250 on the computer-based test (CBT), or 100 on the internet-based test (iBT) is required for admission to this program.

Facilities and Resources
The extraordinary University Library is the department’s main research facility; within it, the History, Philosophy & Newspaper Library, the Rare Book Room, and the International and Area Studies Library all serve faculty and students with expert bibliographers and focused collections. Among other special collections that are likely to be useful to our students are Afro-Americana and Women’s Studies; the library is also a major repository for government documents.

Financial Aid
Financial aid is available to many students in the form of fellowships or assistantships. More information is available on the Graduate College web site, http://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/finaid.
Language Requirement: Students will demonstrate reading comprehension in one language other than English that is appropriate for research in the main field of the student’s interest. The student will demonstrate that competence by completing a fourth-semester (or more advanced) course in a foreign language or by passing a reading comprehension test administered by the department. Credit does not apply to requirements.

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements ¹

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 12

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Within the Unit:

Students may take up to two of the required eight courses in departments other than Religion. Courses must be relevant to the student’s curriculum in Religion.

Two Revised research papers in the student’s primary field of study are required.

Student’s must pass the MA examination

Minimum GPA: 2.75

¹ For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate degree requirements and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Graduate Minor in Religion

The graduate minor in Religion is designed for graduate or professional students in other disciplines who desire to complement their degree program with a study of Religion. The Minor will consist of any coherent set of at least 12 graduate hours of courses that is approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Religion. It will include at least one graduate seminar in the Department of Religion. The successful completion of a minor is noted on the student’s transcript. For admission to the program contact the department.

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Total Hours 12

Other Requirements ¹

Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 8

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