**RELIGION GRADUATE MINOR**

*for the Graduate Minor in Religion*

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**Graduate Degree Programs in Religion**  
Religion, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/religion-ma/)  
**Graduate Minor:** Religion (p. 1)

**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.

**Graduate Teaching Experience**

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in 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-Amecanica 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 (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/finaid/).

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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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**Other Requirements**

Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 8

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/).

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