RELIGION, MA

for the degree of 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.

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 faculty and students with expert bibliographers and focused collections.

Financial Aid
Financial aid is available to many students in the form of fellowships or assistantships. More information is available on the Graduate College website (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/finaid/).

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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

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1. Describe the central problems in the teaching of world religions courses and some strategies for addressing those problems.
2. Describe the state of scholarship in the field of concentration and assess its strengths and weaknesses.
3. Articulate academic growth by identifying key issues for future research in the field of concentration.
4. Describe desired research contributions and connect research interests to current scholarship in the field

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