

College of Arts & Sciences

Religious Studies, BA

Broad Learning Goals

- A. UNM graduates who have majored in Religious Studies will understand the common ground between major religious systems and their contrasting perspectives.
- B. UNM graduates who have majored in Religious Studies will understand the complex role of religion in public and private life in the contemporary world.
- C. UNM graduates who have majored in Religious Studies will hold an in-depth understanding of the basic beliefs, practices, history, and sacred writing of at least one major tradition (of the student's choosing).
- D. UNM graduates who have majored in Religious Studies will be able to write insightfully and analytically about at least one sub-area of religious studies, integrating knowledge from the humanities, social sciences, an/or natural sciences.
- E. UNM graduates who have majored in Religious Studies will be able to articulate how religious symbols and narratives are interpreted and mobilized to construct meaning in human life, by individuals and by communities (and how this changes over time or across different communities).
- F. UNM graduates who have majored in Religious Studies will appreciate the diverse bodies of wisdom carried by different religious traditions.
- G. UNM graduates who have majored in Religious Studies will engage in constructive dialogue regarding the role religions lay in public life in a modern democracy.

Student Learning Outcomes

- A. UNM graduates who have successfully completed a major in Religious Studies can compare and contract the nature of belief and practice in two religious systems.

- B. UNM graduates who have successfully completed a major in Religious Studies can draw on analytical concepts from the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences to describe the basic beliefs and practices of one major religious tradition, how it has developed historically, and the approaches to sacred writings within that tradition.
- C. UNM graduates who have successfully completed a major in Religious Studies can describe particular religious symbols and narratives, how they arose within a historical community, and how they shaped (and are shaped by) subsequent individuals and human communities.
- D. UNM graduates who have successfully completed a major in Religious Studies can describe why respect across different traditions matters in contemporary society.
- E. UNM graduates who have successfully completed a major in Religious Studies can engage in public dialogue and debate regarding ethical and political issues related to religion.