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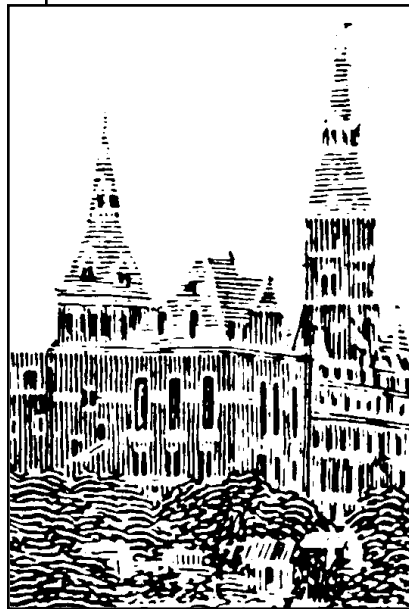
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# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CURRICULAR FIELD



**2009-2010**

**LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Liberal Studies Degree Program offers fourteen curricular fields of study within the Master's degree. The courses listed in this folder comprise the current course offerings for the year 2009-2010 for the **Religious Studies** curricular field as well as additional course offerings anticipated in the future in this field.

## CURRICULAR FIELD FACULTY

Candidates for the Liberal Studies degree are provided consultation and academic advising by their Curricular Field Faculty Advisors.

The Core Faculty Advisor for Religious Studies is Frederick J. Ruf, Ph.D., *Harvard University*; Associate Professor in the Theology Dept., *Georgetown University*. His field is *Religion and Culture*, particularly in elements of culture that function religiously.

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## General Requirements

Choosing a field of study requires that you complete six courses in that field, including a *Core* course and a *Human Values* course. MALS (graduate students) must also complete a 3-credit thesis reflecting this field. Some of the curricular fields have other requirements which are listed as **Additional Requirements**. The selected curricular field will appear on the final transcript of record. To complete the total number of credits required for the degree, 30 credits for the Master's courses may be selected from any Liberal Studies courses or other courses at the University appropriate to this degree with the approval of the Program Director.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES CURRICULAR FIELD:

1. Students must take four of the six courses in specific areas, at least one course in each area. The areas are:
  - a) Foundational
  - b) Biblical
  - c) Comparative
  - d) Religion and Culture
2. No course may be counted twice to satisfy the *Core*, *Human Values*, and the four specific Religious Studies requirements.

Parenthesis ( ) indicate courses offered through the Prince Akweled Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES

**FOUNDATIONAL:** Courses which explore the question of the coherence, meaning and plausibility of religion, especially in light of the academic, psychological, philosophical, sociological, and feminist suspicion of the integrity of religious life and thought.

Alienation and Self-Identity (*Core*)

Augustine's *Confessions* (*Human Values*)

Kierkegaard: *Freedom and the Self* (*Core*)

Sex, Lies and Theology: Theology after Freud (*Human Values*)

Theology and Liberation (*Human Values*)

Understanding the Symbolic Language of Religion (*Human Values*)

Utilitarian Perspectives on Professional Ethics (*Human Values*)

**BIBLICAL:** Courses which, using the modern tools of historical criticism and other current scholarly methods, inquire into the meaning of specifically biblical texts.

Old Testament Literature: Society and Ethics (*Core*)

The Art of Biblical Literature (*Human Values*)

The Book of Genesis: Literature, Ethics, Theology (*Human Values*)

The Book of Job: Poetry and Theology in the Face of Suffering (*Human Values*)

The Gospels: Society and Ethics (*Human Values*)

The New Testament and Social Justice (*Human Values*)

Women in the Bible

**COMPARATIVE:** Courses that seek to investigate non-Christian religions or religious traditions either in themselves or by comparison with other traditions.

(Approaches to Study of Christianity and Islam)

(Breaking Codes: Idolatry in Christianity and Islam)

(*Human Values*)

Buddhist Religious Thought (*Human Values*)

(Eastern Orthodox Christianity: History and Theology)

(*Human Values*)

Gandhi's India (*Human Values*)

Introduction to Islam (*Human Values*)

Introduction to the Literature of Mysticism (*Human Values*)

(Islam and Global Terrorism)

(Islam and the West)

(Islam and Revolutionary Tradition)

(Islam in Post-Soviet Central Asia)

Jewish Religion, Culture, and History (*Human Values*)

(Muslim-Christian Relations in World History) (*Human Values*)

Mortals and Immortals: Ancient Greek Myths

Popular Hinduism (*Human Values*)

Pursuing the Tao: Chinese Religions and Philosophy (*Human Values*)

Religions of the Ancient Near East (*Human Values*)

(The Study of Islam and Muslim-Christian Relations) (*Human Values*)

The Concept of the State in Islam (*Human Values*)

**RELIGION AND CULTURE:** Courses that relate the religious dimension of human life with other aspects of culture (such as art, literature, ethics, science, psychology, and economics).

Adam and Eve in Theology and Image

(Arab-Christians in Modern History) (*Human Values*)

Aristotle, Aquinas, and Kant (*Human Values*)

Art, Creativity, and Gender (*Human Values*)

Art, Creativity, and the Sacred (*Human Values*)

Black Liberation Theology (*Human Values*)

Buddhism through Literature and Art (*Human Values*)

Catholic Identity and American Culture (*Human Values*)

Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and the Late Medieval Renaissance (*Human Values*)

(Christianity and Islam: Co-Existence and Conflict in Medieval Art and Culture)

Christianity and Visual Arts in America (*Human Values*)

Classical to Medieval: Art, Culture, and Values (*Human Values*)

Classics in the Catholic Tradition (*Human Values*)

Crises of Conscience in American Foreign Policy (*Human Values*)

Dante: The Journey to Freedom (*Human Values*)

Ethical Problems in Contemporary Society (*Human Values*)

Ethics of the Hebrew Prophets

Existentialism and Religion (*Human Values*)

Favored or Fallen: Images of Women from the Scriptures in Art (*Human Values*)

(Globalization and Interfaith Dialogue)

Government and the Individual: Source of the Problematic (*Human Values*)

(Images of Eve, Mary, and Fatima) (*Human Values*)

(Islam, Gender, and Social Change)

(Islamic Philosophy and Theology)

Pilgrimage, Travel, and Tourism (*Human Values*)

Race, Class, Gender, and Religion (*Human Values*)

Religion and Conflict (*Human Values*)

Religion and Film (*Human Values*)

(Religion and International Affairs) (*Human Values*)

(Religion and International Affairs: The Case of Muslim Countries) (*Human Values*)

(Religion and Modern Politics of Iran)

(Religion and Politics and Turkey)

Religion in America (*Human Values*)

Religion, Violence, and Liberation (*Human Values*)

Sufism: Spirituality and Muslim Society (*Human Values*)

The Crusades (*Human Values*)

The Gods in Greek and Roman Literature

The Medieval Synthesis: Art and Religion in the Middle Ages (*Human Values*)

(The Religions of Southeast Asia)

(The Western Idea of Islam: From the Crusades to the War on Terrorism)

Theological Implications of the Holocaust (*Human Values*)

Theological Issues in 20th and 21st-Century Fiction (*Human Values*)

Theology and Imagination (*Human Values*)

Theology and Literature (*Human Values*)

Understanding Catholicism (*Human Values*)

U.S. Liberation Theologies (*Human Values*)