

Religion, Globalization, and Culture

A Template for an Interdisciplinary Studies Major
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Offered with cooperation
Of Departments of Religious Studies and
Sociology/Anthropology

Rationale:

Religion, Globalization, and Culture is a field of inquiry and expertise now recognized by scholars in religious studies, anthropology, and sociology. An overview of the state of the field can be found in *Religion, Globalization, and Culture*, edited by Peter Beyer and Lori Beaman (Brill, 2007).

The RGC major at Hendrix combines classroom learning with outside-the-classroom learning. Its aim is to acquaint students with methods and theories pertinent to the three areas of focus; and to prepare students for working with institutions (governmental, non-governmental, public, and private) that are working at the intersection of religion and globalization.

General Requirements:

- 1 Twelve Courses -- see below
- 2 Semester or Summer Abroad -- immersion in local setting affected by religious and cultural globalization, satisfying Global Awareness requirement of Odyssey.
- 3 Internship -- immersion in community or institution affected by religious and cultural globalization, satisfying Internship and Professional Development Odyssey requirement.
- 4 Service Project -- satisfying Service to the World Odyssey requirement

Twelve Courses Required:

- 1 World Religions (RELI 110) or Asian Religions (RELI 111)
- 2 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 100) or Introduction to Sociology (SOC 110)
- 3 Buddhism (Religion 225) or Hinduism (RELI 223)
- 4 Judaism (Religion 216) or Contemporary Islamic Thought (Religion 339)
- 5 Globalization and Religion (RELI 314) or Interreligious Dialogue (RELI 339)
- 6 Globalization and Transnationalism (ANTH 360)
- 7 Picturing Society (ANTH 365) or Anthropological Theory (ANTH 365)
- 8 Ethnographic Methods (ANTH 300) or Sociological Research Methods (SOC 335)
- 9 Theories and Research in Religion (RELI 395)
- 10 Senior Colloquium (RELI 497)
- 11 Elective (300-level or above, chosen in consultation with advisor)*
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Senior Capstone Experience: centers upon the completion of RELI 497, in the context of which student

completes a research project, utilizing methods acquired in Theories and Research in Religion or Ethnographic Methods or Sociological Research Methods.

* These courses should be continuous with the general trajectory of the student's interests, and may be in anthropology, sociology, or religious studies. The methods employed in the courses can be anthropological, sociological, or otherwise including textual study.