

## **COURSES:**

### **RELIGION MAJOR:**

10 courses including:

- REL 1014 Introduction to Religion
- REL 2104 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
- REL 4444 Seminar in Religious Studies

4 elective courses. 1 from each category: Text, Tradition, Religion, Analytical Lens

3 courses, chosen in consultation with religion faculty, to create an emphasis

*Recommendation:* Students planning graduate work should take French or German through 1034.

### **RELIGION MINOR:**

6 courses including:

- REL 1014 Introduction to Religion
- REL 2104 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
- REL 4444 Seminar in Religious Studies

3 elective courses. chosen from the following categories: Text, Tradition, Religion, Analytical Lens

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## ABOUT THE MAJOR:

The religion program at Transylvania helps students better understand themselves within an increasingly complex and diverse world, better understand the role and contribution of religions within cultures and better understand and exemplify the skills and sensibilities of a holistically educated person.

Beginning in the introductory course, students examine issues related to religious thought and practice within their own religious tradition and within a global context, as well as gender, race and sexuality and other theoretical approaches. Courses cover the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, the Judaeo-Christian tradition, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and special topics.

Faculty members combine a theoretical and analytical approach with sensitivity to a life of faith and discernment. A major or minor in religion will help you become theologically grounded, historically informed and capable of reading and interpreting the texts of various religious traditions and our world and its myriad cultures and traditions. Because studies in religion can help you better negotiate a complex and interrelated world, the religion program offers May term travel courses that purposefully integrate the classroom and context.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MAJOR:

- Internships with a local church
- Internships with social service agencies
- Study abroad during May term

## POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HAVE HELD:

- College professor
- Executive director, Kentucky Council of Churches
- Journalist
- Minister in local congregation
- President, Council of Christian Unity
- President and General Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada
- Regional minister, Christian Church in Kentucky

## WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE STUDIED:

- Asbury Theological Seminary
- Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
- Candler School of Theology, Emory University
- Christian Theological Seminary
- Duke University
- Harvard Divinity School
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- Patterson School of Diplomacy, University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville Medical School
- Vanderbilt Divinity School
- Wake Forest University
- Yale Divinity School

## POSSIBLE CAREER OPTIONS:

- Congregational pastor
- International relations
- Institutional chaplaincy
- Social justice services
- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Business manager



“Because religion is the most pervasive and most powerful force in the world, we ignore it at our own peril. Moreover, religion majors immerse themselves in the ‘Great Conversation’ about the meaning and purpose of life—the ultimate liberal education inquiry.”  
Paul H. Jones, professor of religion