A Major in Religious Studies

What areas of emphasis can I learn about in the RS major?

- **Theology**: understanding God, human experience, and related topics in light of Christian tradition
- **Lay Ministry**: practical experience and application of theology to ministry
- **Religious Studies**: diversity of religions, interfaith dialogue, and contemporary issues

The Religious Studies major requires 33 credit hours, including:

- RT 201 (3hrs)
- Two RT 300-level courses (6 hrs)
- RT 426: Classics of Christian Thought (3 hrs)
- RT 499: Senior thesis (3 hrs), on an independent study or project of interest to the student
- 6 upper-division courses (18 hrs), including at least one course in a non-Christian religion or an interdisciplinary approach to the study of religion

Note: of the 6 upper-division courses required for the major, two can “double dip” and count toward both the RS major and the integrative core requirements. In other words, an integrative core course that is co-listed with RS can fulfill both requirements at the same time (this works for up to 2 courses in an RS major or minor). What this means, is that with a little planning, **two of the six upper-division courses required for the major can be fulfilled by core requirements.**

*See the other side of this page for more info on RT courses that are co-listed in the integrative core.*