

History and Religious Studies, BA

The Department of Philosophy and Religion and the Department of History offer an interdisciplinary combined major in religious studies and history. Students interested in the combined major integrate the study of religious traditions, religious praxis, and religious ethics with the study and analysis of human history.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

University-Wide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the University-Wide Requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA language requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements>).

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath>).

Experiential Liberal Arts

All undergraduate students in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

History Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
History Colloquium		
HIST 1000	History at Northeastern	1
HIST 1200	Historical Research and Writing	1
HIST 1201	First-Year Seminar	4
Introductory Level		
Choose one course from the 1000 level.		4
History Seminar and Historical Writing		
HIST 2301	The History Seminar	4
HIST 2302	Historical Writing	1
Pre-1800 History Elective		
Choose one course from the following:		4
HIST 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times	
HIST 1218	Pirates, Planters, and Patriots: Making the Americas, 1492–1804	
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 1270	Ancient Greece	
HIST 1271	Ancient Rome	
HIST 1285	Introduction to Russian Civilization	
HIST 2330	Colonial and Revolutionary America	

Intermediate/Advanced History Cluster

Complete (3) History courses numbered 2303 or above. Cluster is subject to Department approval. 12

Advanced History

Complete one history course 3000 level or above 4

Religious Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Comparative Religion		
Complete two of the following:		8
PHIL 1130	Ethics: East and West	
PHIL 1230	Sound, Music, and Religion	
PHIL 1270	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1272	Ethics in the World's Religions	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond: Eastern Religions	
PHIL 2100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
PHIL 2315	Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters	
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects	
Ancient Mediterranean and African World Traditions		
Complete one of the following:		4
PHIL 1120	Understanding the Bible	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1280	Encountering Islam: Traditions, Debates, and Crosscultural Diversity	
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture	
or JWSS 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture	
PHIL 2311	The Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism from the Zohar to Madonna	
PHIL 2314	Biblical Prophets and Their Interpreters	
PHIL 2315	Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters	
PHIL 2316	Interpreting the Bible	
PHIL 3410	Religion and Spirituality in the African Diaspora	
PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects	
Asian Traditions		
Complete one of the following:		4
PHIL 1272	Ethics in the World's Religions	
PHIL 1276	Indian Religions	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 2100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
PHIL 2394	Chinese Buddhism	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
PHIL 2398	Religion and Culture in Indian Cinema	
PHIL 4393	Asian Religions in the United States	
PHIL 4545	Religion and Politics in South Asia	

Religion and Culture

Complete one of the following:	4
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death
PHIL 1230	Sound, Music, and Religion
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
or JWSS 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
PHIL 2100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life
PHIL 2316	Interpreting the Bible
PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects
WMNS 1103	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Ethics

Complete one of the following:	4
PHIL 1130	Ethics: East and West
PHIL 1272	Ethics in the World's Religions
PHIL 4606	Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies
PHIL 5001	Global Justice

Religious Studies Electives

Complete three of the following, two of which must be numbered above 2000:	12
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women in Western Religions
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religion
PHIL 1120	Understanding the Bible
PHIL 1130	Ethics: East and West
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death
PHIL 1230	Sound, Music, and Religion
PHIL 1231	Image and Icon in South Asia
PHIL 1250	Jesus in the Gospels, American Culture, and the Movies
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film
PHIL 1270	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
PHIL 1272	Ethics in the World's Religions
PHIL 1273	Jainism
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond: Eastern Religions
PHIL 1276	Indian Religions
PHIL 1280	Encountering Islam: Traditions, Debates, and Crosscultural Diversity
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
PHIL 1286	American Judaism
PHIL 1287	Modern Judaism
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion
PHIL 1295	Religious Perspectives on Health and Healing
PHIL 1410	From Vodou and the Rastas to Afro-Islam: African Religions in the Americas
PHIL 1666	The Problem of Evil in Film
PHIL 2100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life

PHIL 2300	Mysticism
PHIL 2311	The Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism from the Zohar to Madonna
PHIL 2313	Exploring the Jewish Diaspora—From Mountain Jews to Crypto-Jews
PHIL 2314	Biblical Prophets and Their Interpreters
PHIL 2315	Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters
PHIL 2316	Interpreting the Bible
PHIL 2322	Responses to the Holocaust
PHIL 2394	Chinese Buddhism
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism
PHIL 2398	Religion and Culture in Indian Cinema
PHIL 3387	Religion, Nation, and Identity in Modern Jewish Thought
PHIL 3410	Religion and Spirituality in the African Diaspora
PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects
PHIL 4393	Asian Religions in the United States
PHIL 4395	Ramayana
PHIL 4545	Religion and Politics in South Asia
PHIL 4546	Advanced Biblical Studies: Hebrew Bible
PHIL 4547	Seminar: Apocalypticism
PHIL 4606	Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion
PHIL 4904	Major Figures in Religious Studies
PHIL 4906	Topics in Religious Studies
PHIL 4992	Directed Study
PHIL 5011	Comparative Religious Ethics

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Capstone		
Choose one of the following options. Public History concentrators should take HIST 4903 and HIST 4904		4-8
HIST 4701	Capstone Seminar	
PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects	
PHIL 4393	Asian Religions in the United States	
PHIL 4500	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 4510	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 4535	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 4545	Religion and Politics in South Asia	
PHIL 4606	Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies	
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion	
PHIL 4904	Major Figures in Religious Studies	
PHIL 4906	Topics in Religious Studies	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	
PHIL 5011	Comparative Religious Ethics	
<i>Public History:</i>		
HIST 4903 and HIST 4904	Fieldwork in History 1 and	

Integrative Course

Complete one of the following courses:

HIST 2370	Renaissance to Enlightenment
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PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism
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PHIL 4390	Cults and Sects
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History and Religious Studies Combined-Major Credit Requirement

Complete 78 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required