

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR



2017-2018 Catalog

Information Sheet

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

*This Information Sheet is for advising purposes only. Do not submit this form as a Major/Minor Declaration Form; a separate form is required to declare your major/minor.*

## Major Requirements:

A minimum of 40 credits to include:

### 8 credits of Scriptures & Sacred Texts

RS 210	RU	Jesus and the Gospels*
And one of the following three courses:		
RS 311	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Historical Books
RS 313	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Prophets & Writings
RS 314	RU	New Testament Christianity*

### 12 credits in Religious Traditions and Theologies to include:

RS 225	GR	Religious and Spiritual Traditions of the World
<b>AND</b>		
RS 330	GR	The Evolution of Global Christianity*
And one of the following three courses:		
RS 324	RUX	Exploring Christian Thought
RS 341		Catholic Theology for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
RS 344/ETHS 344	DQR	Women & Multicultural Theologies*

### 8 credits in Religion in the Human Community

One of the following three courses:		
RS 101/ENVS 101	1ER	Spirituality and Ecology
RS 147	1DR	Spirituality and Justice from the Margins
RS 248	2R	Spirituality for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century*
<b>AND</b>		
RS 406	3	Connecting Learning, Belief & Action for the Common Good*

Students will also need to select 16 elective credits from the three areas of study. The total of 40 credits normally includes a minimum of 16 credits in one area, a minimum of 8 in each of the other two areas, including RS 406 3. The remaining 8 credits are also selected from any of the three areas. Professional courses (for example, teaching methods, practicum and internships) are taken in addition to the minimum of 40 credits in academic courses. Students may also choose to take approved courses through the UW Collaborative program.

## Elective Courses

### Scriptures and Sacred Texts (0 to 8 additional credits):

RS 311	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Historical Books
RS 313	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Prophets & Writings
RS 314	RU	New Testament Christianity*
RS 414		Scripture: Advanced Study*
RS 416	K	The Art of Preaching*

### Religious Traditions and Theologies (0 to 4 additional credits):

RS 220		Jewish Perspectives on the Bible
RS 250		Catholicism
RS 265		Religious Traditions of the East
RS 302	RU	Catholicism Today*
RS 320	2GR	Jewish-Christian Dialogue
RS 324	RUX	Exploring Christian Thought
RS 330	GR	The Evolution of Global Christianity*
RS 341		Catholic Theology for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century*
RS 344/ETHS 344	DQR	Women & Multicultural Theologies*
RS 356/ETHS 480D	2GR	The Challenge of Islam*
RS 358	2GR	Christian-Muslim Dialogue*
RS 361	GRU	Buddhism & Christianity in Dialogue
RS 422		Reformation and Counter-Reformation
RS 423	GQR	The Reformations of 1450-1650: Friends, Families and Faith in Early Modern Christianity
RS 455		Topics in Religious Studies

### Religion in the Human Community (0 to 8 additional credits):

RS 201/ENVS 201		Living Sustainably in a Dominican Studium, I*
RS 202/ENVS 202	2ER	Living Sustainably in a Dominican Studium, II*
RS 218	CR	Images of Faith: Story, Screen and Spirit*
RS 240	RU	Personal Morality and Social Justice*
RS 248	2R	Spirituality for the 21 Century*
RS 307	2GR	Liberation Theologies in Latin America*
RS 308/ETHS 480H		Black Theologies and the Dismantling of Racism I
RS 309/ETHS 480I	2DR	Black Theologies and the Dismantling of Racism II*
RS 322	2QR	Contemporary Jewish Life and Thought *
RS 327		Religions and Contemporary Issues
RS 328		Strong Religion: Fundamentalism
RS 331		Christian Worship
RS 332	AR	Celebrating the Mystery: Liturgy, Music & Art
RS 343/WS 343		Women and Religion*
RS 345		Religion and Society*
RS 346	GQU	Mystics & Gender*
RS 351/ETHS 480J	2D	Native American Spirituality*

RS 431		Sacramental Celebrations*
RS 442	RU	Moral Responsibility and Ethics of Health*
RS 450	3RV	Perspectives in Science and Religion*
RS 452		Topics in Religious Studies

Up to six additional credits in Independent Research and Writing:

RS 279		Independent Reading and Research*
RS 379		Independent Reading and Research*
RS 499		Workshop in Religious Studies

*\*course has prerequisites*

### PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The following professional course are open to any Religious Studies majors or minors preparing to teach or serve in another professional ministry. Credits from Professional courses do not count as part of the academic major or minor, but they do count as elective course toward the Bachelor of Arts degree.

RS 380		Teaching Religious Studies
RS 458B		Student Teaching/Internship: Religious Studies
RS 484		Internship: Pastoral/Social Justice Ministry
RS 490		Practicum
RS 499		Workshops in Religious Studies

### POLICIES

Students planning a major or minor in Religious Studies should consult with an advisor in the Religious Studies Department at the beginning of their program. Normally, a minimum of 40 academic credits for the major or 20 academic credits for the minor must be taken in Religious Studies at Edgewood College. Any transfer of religious studies credits is subject to evaluation by the department.

In addition to the 40 credits, all students majoring in Religious Studies will:

- Prepare an Academic Portfolio to be reviewed by the Religious Studies faculty at the end of each academic year.
- Submit at least one major research paper for presentation at an Edgewood College Student Research, Religious Studies or similar conference during their last four semesters.
- Submit a form indicating the completion of (a) the Academic Portfolio and (b) the presentation of a major research paper to the Registrar during the last semester before graduation.
- Complete the minimum 120 credits required by the College with a GPA of at least 2.85 in Religious Studies courses.