

# Religion

The religion curriculum at California Lutheran University challenges students to engage in the academic study of religion and to explore the religious questions raised in multiple faith traditions, such as the existence and nature of God, how personal and community ethics are shaped, how religion informs our living in a complex and global society, and the role of scriptures in the lives of the faithful. Courses include themes or topics across multiple religious traditions, as well as in-depth studies of specific religious traditions, including Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism.

The religion degree program at Cal Lutheran provides a solid grounding in the academic study of religion, using the tools of critical thinking, analysis of primary sources, and engagement with diverse religious traditions locally and globally. This program supports the liberal arts emphasis of the University and prepares students to understand and negotiate the myriad complexities of religion they will face after graduation, whether they work in business, law, local government, social services, education, medicine, administration, sales, or the environment. In addition to teaching students the skills of critical thinking and sustained community engagement needed for many careers today, the Religion Major also prepares students for graduate study in religion. Pre-seminary advising is also available to majors and non-majors alike.

Opportunities exist for students to do internships, experiential learning, mentored research, and independent studies, allowing them to explore areas of potential career interest. Students majoring in religion or theology graduate from CLU well-prepared for seminary study. In addition, Lutheran students are eligible for the Associate in Ministry program for lay persons who are certified by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Bachelor of Arts in Religion

36 credits minimum.

RLTH 100	Religion, Identity and Vocation	4
or RLTH 300	Religion, Identity and Vocation	
RLTH 493	Research and Methods	2
RLTH 494	Research and Writing	2
One Course in "Sacred Literature and Languages"		
RLTH 315	Classical Hebrew Language and Literature I	4
RLTH 316	Classical Hebrew Language and Literature II	4
RLTH 317	Introduction to Biblical Greek I	4
RLTH 318	Introduction to Biblical Greek II	4
RLTH 320	Bible in the Ancient World	4
RLTH 321	The Bible in the Contemporary World	4
RLTH 323	St. Paul, Identity and Community Organization	4
RLTH 328	Exploring the Qur'an	4
One Course in "Theology, Ethics and the Arts"		
RLTH 344	God in Christian Thought	4
RLTH 347	Liberation and Theology	4
RLTH 349	Queer Theology	4
RLTH 350	Contemporary Christian Ethics	4
RLTH 351	Global Ethics	4
RLTH 353	Violence, Religion and Politics	4
RLTH 354	Theology and Business Ethics	4
RLTH 355	Cooperation in Modern India	4
RLTH 356	Sexual Ethics	4
RLTH 381	Religion, Food and the Environment	4
RLTH 382	Religion and Public Life	4
RLTH 384	Religion and Ecological Ethics	4
RLTH 386	Violence, Religion and Politics	4
RLTH 391	Children, Youth and Family Ministry	4
RLTH 392	Christian Liturgy & Worship	4
RLTH 393	Spirituality and the Arts	4
ART 412	Christian Art in the Middle Ages	4
One Course in "Religious Traditions"		
RLTH 331	Topics in Medieval and Early Modern Christianity	4

RLTH 332	Luther and the 16th Century Reformations	4
RLTH 334	The American Religious Experience	4
RLTH 360	Jesus in Film and History	4
RLTH 365	Women and Religion	4
RLTH 374	Jews and Judaism	4
RLTH 375	Muslims in the Modern World	4
RLTH 379	Sikhism	4
RLTH 395	Lutheran Spirituality	4
RLTH 396	Christian Spirituality	4
RLTH 397	Islamic Spirituality	4
RLTH 398	Sacred Space and Ritual	4
Foud Upper Division Religion and Theology Courses which follow an articulated focus		

Total Hours	156
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## Minor in Religion:

20 credits minimum;

RLTH 100	Religion, Identity and Vocation	4
or RLTH 300	Religion, Identity and Vocation	
Choose four more courses from at least two different 300-level religion areas		16
Sacred Literature and Languages, Theology, Ethics and The Arts or Religious Traditions		
Total Hours		20