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.

Bachelor of Arts in Religion

36 credits minimum.

- RLTH 100 or RLTH 300: Religion, Identity and Vocation
- RLTH 493 or RLTH 494: Research and Methods or Research and Writing

One Course in "Sacred Literature and Languages"

- RLTH 315: Classical Hebrew Lang/Lit I
- RLTH 316: Classical Hebrew Lang/Lit II
- RLTH 317: Introduction to Biblical Greek I
- RLTH 318: Introduction to Biblical Greek II
- RLTH 320: Bible in the Ancient World
- RLTH 321: The Bible and the Contemporary World
- RLTH 323: St. Paul, Identity & Community Org
- RLTH 328: Exploring the Qur’an

One Course in "Theology, Ethics and the Arts"

- RLTH 344: God in Christian Thought
- RLTH 347: Liberation and Theology
- RLTH 349: Queer Theology
- RLTH 350: Contemporary Christian Ethics
- RLTH 351: Global Ethics
- RLTH 353: Violence, Religion and Politics
- RLTH 354: Theology and Business Ethics
- RLTH 355: Cooperation in Modern India
- RLTH 356: Sexual Ethics
- RLTH 381: Religion, Food and the Environment
- RLTH 382: Religion and Public Life
- RLTH 384: Religion and Ecological Ethics
- RLTH 386: Violence, Religion and Politics
- RLTH 391: Children, Youth and Family Ministry
- RLTH 392: Christian Liturgy and Worship
- RLTH 393: Spirituality and the Arts
- ART 412: Christian Art in the Middle Ages

One Course in "Religious Traditions"

- RLTH 331: Topics Medieval/Early Modern Christianity
- RLTH 332: Luther and the 16th Century Reformations
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

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Minor in Religion:

20 credits minimum;

RLTH 100  Religion, Identity and Vocation  4
or RLTH 300  Religion, Identity and Vocation  4

Choose four more courses from at least two different 300-level religion areas  16

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Total Hours  20