Religious Studies

The Religious Studies degree provides a solid foundation in religious studies as a core discipline in the liberal arts. The department teaches courses on Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Shinto, and Taoism. Historical studies include courses about religions in African, Asian, Middle Eastern, European, and American (especially United States) history. Cultural and theoretical studies include courses on: religious philosophies, religious ethics, and theologies; political, social, and psychological accounts of religious life; and the role religion plays in politics, economics, social movements, arts, sciences, and diverse forms of personal conduct.

Degree Outcomes

• Great preparation for a variety of careers including business, law, and medicine.
• Graduates hold positions including child/family therapist for Pro Behavioral Health in Boulder, Colo.; vice president for ResourceNet International; manager of pastoral care services for Carilion Health Systems; pastor at Long Branch Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C.; development officer with UNCG; mediator in the Center for Conflict Resolution in Chicago; and vice president at branch Bank of America.
• Graduates have attended prestigious graduate programs at Princeton, Columbia, Duke, Emory, Harvard, Princeton Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, UNCG, Wake Forest, and Yale.

The Student Experience

• Small, hands-on learning environment with approximately 70 students in the major; most classes have fewer than 20 students.
• An internationally renowned group of teaching scholars who present current research at departmental colloquiums.
• Faculty-supervised internship with community social service and religion-affiliated organizations.
• Clubs and organizations such as Theta Alpha Kappa (Religious Studies Honor Society) and Religious Studies Club.