

STUDIES OF RELIGION, MINOR

Western Sydney University Minor Code: 0200

Previous Code: SM1136.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Studies of Religion is a multidisciplinary minor that provides a critical study of religion that is inclusive and diverse. Students will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of religion and explore the significance of religion to people and society. The minor includes subjects from history, philosophy and sociology. It examines the nature of religion and belief systems, including the influence, expression and relevance of religion and belief systems to contemporary Australia. This minor meets NSW Education Standards (NESA) content requirements for students who wish to teach Studies of Religion in NSW Secondary Schools. The skills and knowledge acquired can also be used for career pathways in the public sector, teaching, research, curating, law or politics.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Bankstown Campus	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au
Penrith Campus	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au

Minor Structure

To complete a minor in Studies of Religion, students are required to successfully complete 40 credit points as follows.

Note: Not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis. Not all subjects will be available on all campuses.

Students must complete at least one of the following subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
HUMN 3075	Sociology of Religion	10
PHIL 3016	Philosophy of Religion	10
HUMN 3105	History of Religion	10

Additional subjects to complete the minor can be chosen from the above three subjects or from the pool subjects listed below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 1 Subject Pool		
HUMN 1061	Islam: Past, Present and Future	10
Level 2 Subject Pool		
HUMN 2001	A History of Modern Global Buddhism	10
HUMN 2031	Islam in the Modern World	10
Level 3 Subject Pool		
HUMN 3047	History of Muslim Civilisations and Ideas	10
HUMN 3115	Medieval Europe from the Fall of the Roman Empire to the Reformation	10

HUMN 3061	Mystical Islam: The Emergence of Sufism in World History	10
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Equivalent subject

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this minor for students who passed the subject in 2020 or earlier.

HUMN 1047 - Understanding Islam and Muslim Societies, no longer offered.

HUMN 2043 - Religion and the Origins of Modern Science, no longer offered.

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (1652) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) Dean's Scholars (1823) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary-deans-scholars/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (6021) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary/>)