



RELIGION

What is the study of Religion?

In studying Religion, you will examine the histories and functions of a variety of texts, myths, rituals, symbols, and institutions from around the world. The study of religion, also known as comparative religion or the history of religions is part of the humanities and social sciences. The study of Religion is interdisciplinary and engages a wide range of human activity commonly deemed “religious,” seeking to understand how religions function, how religious discourse evolves, why certain religious perspectives gain prominence and how they are contested. Researchers in Religion are studying religions from around the world, investigating the languages, ethical systems, practices, organizations, and institutions within which such religions are defined, refined, rejected, or renewed.

What is unique about Religion at the UM?

The Department of Religion at the University of Manitoba focuses on three areas of study: religions in the West (especially Christianity and Judaism), religions in the East (Islam, Hinduism, Yoga, Buddhism), and religion and culture. Method and theory is an integral part of our program as is an emphasis on world religions. Courses are mainly tradition based or topics based. Our topical courses are comparative, for example, dealing with death and mourning rituals in world religions. The department has had much success in placing graduate students in top rated Religion programs in North America. Many of our students in Religion have been recipients of SSHRC scholarships as well as our academic staff who have been recipients of SSHRC research grants.

Program Options

B.A. Honours Program - 4 years
B.A. Double Honours Program - 4 years
B.A. Advanced Major - 4 years
B.A. Advanced Double Major - 4 years
B.A. General Major - 3 years
Minor

Career Opportunities

Citizenship/Immigration Officer
Cultural Resource Manager
Curatorial Assistant
Heritage Interpretor
Human Rights Worker
Multicultural Consultant

