

RELIGIOUS STUDIES B.A.

D'Youville University's Bachelor of Arts program in Religious Studies allows students to examine and explore one of the most pervasive and influential forces in society. From world religions – Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism – to major ethical issues – abortion, LGBTQ rights, stem cell research, social justice, and poverty – students will develop the analytical writing and comprehension skills necessary for advanced careers.

Our compact, 36-credit program offers students the opportunity to cater their studies to their personal preferences as they plan for careers in law, education, ministry, and government, or to continue their education through graduate programs. Students are encouraged to explore a double major in fields such as Psychology, Philosophy, History, Dietetics, and more.

*Admissions and internal transfers into this program have been paused

Code	Title	Credits
Major		36
Liberal Arts and Science Electives		84
Total Credits		120

Course Requirements for the Major In the Specific Area of Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
RS-101	Introduction to the Bible	3
RS-102	Belief & Unbelief in the Brave New World	3
RS-209	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	3
PHI-308	Eastern Philosophy	3
RS-211	Catholicism Today	3
RS-XXX	Six Religious Studies Electives	18
RS-444	Religious Studies Internship	3
Total Credits		36

Direct admission into this program has been paused for the 2023–2024 academic year.

Admission Requirements

D'Youville selects students who are academically well-rounded and committed to meeting the challenges of a high-quality education. Applications will be assessed holistically. Applicants are encouraged to apply for admission into the major based on a love of the subject matter and a desire to learn. Space in the program may be limited. If an applicant cannot be admitted into a program due to space constraints, the applicant will be placed on a waiting list for entry and duly notified.

Freshman Admission

Freshman applicants to this major must submit high school transcripts. Applicants may also submit any of the following optional materials:

- Statement of intent (strongly encouraged)
- High School average of 80

Transfer Admission

Transfer students *must* submit high school transcripts and any/all other transcripts from institutions previously attended. Transfer applicants *may* also submit any of the following optional materials:

- Statement of intent (strongly encouraged)
- Transfer GPA of 2.33