

## Religious Studies

### [At UW-Eau Claire]

Are you interested in gaining a deeper insight into the way people think, feel and act? Did you know this could all stem from their religion? A degree in Religious Studies explores the distinctively religious aspects of life in a wide range of cultural and historical settings.

### Why UW-Eau Claire

We are home to one of the few Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments in the state. Most Wisconsin universities do not offer a religious studies major. Through lively classroom discussions, research projects, independent apprenticeship courses and directed studies, you will study the meaning of religion and gain knowledge about world religions. This includes tribal traditions, Western religions, Indian religions and Far Eastern religions.

### Excellent preparation

religious studies is an excellent background if you're considering religious ministries or the field of religious education. This major provides rich preparation for careers that require special knowledge, sensitivity and skills in relating to people of various cultures. It also offers excellent preparation for educators and for graduate study in a wide range of fields. Philosophy and religious studies majors consistently earn top scores and go on to study in first-rate graduate and professional programs.

### High caliber faculty

The faculty of the philosophy and religious studies department is of a high caliber. They are professors who graduated from Iowa, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Syracuse, Northwestern and Marquette Universities. They are proud of the personal attention they give their students, and are driven to help you learn and succeed.

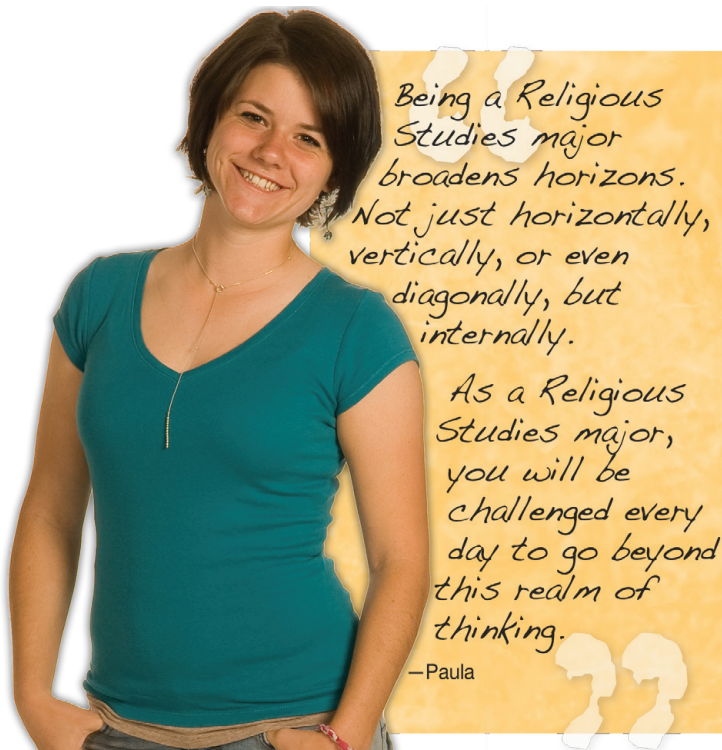
### Other opportunities

Students have the opportunity to publish articles in the department's journal, *Prism*. The department also has a Religious Studies Club and a chapter of the Religious Studies Honors Society - Theta Alpha Kappa.

### Published faculty

Faculty are well published and are involved in numerous faculty-student research projects. Some examples include: Dr. Charlene Burns' newest book, *More Moral than God: Taking Responsibility for Religious Violence*; and Dr. Scott Lowe's "The Neo-Hindu Transformation of an Iowa Town." *Nova Religio: the Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, v. 13, n. 3, February 2010, pp. 81-91.

To learn more about the Eau Claire Advantage go to [www.uwec.edu/advantage](http://www.uwec.edu/advantage)



### [our graduates]

Typical positions held by religious studies graduates include teacher in schools, colleges and higher education institutions; Minister of Religion, community worker, counselor, personnel manager.

### Places our grads go:

- *Personal Care Giver*, Community Health Partnership, San Jose, CA
- *Volunteer Coordinator*, Tacoma Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, Tacoma, WA
- *Campus Minister*, The Navigators, Colorado Springs, CO
- *Director of Youth Ministry*, St. Louis Parish, Paynesville, MN
- *School Counseling graduate student*, UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI

## for more information

For more information about the religious studies program:

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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### ADMISSIONS

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### [Majors]

Religious Studies - liberal arts

### [Minors]

Religious Studies - liberal arts

### [Suggested freshman curriculum]

Intro to the Religions of the World

Basic Issues in Religion

Religion and Morality

Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

New Testament



### Did you know?

UW-Eau Claire religious studies alum, Justin Vernon, and his band Bon Iver, won Grammys for the Best New Artist and alternative album in 2012. In addition they've performed on Saturday Night Live, Late Night with David Letterman and in our own Zorn Arena in December 2011.

## note:

### Apprenticeship courses

Students can gain credit(s) in apprenticeship courses within the department, the most popular being the teaching apprenticeship courses.

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