

B.A. Religion | Major Map

2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 100% of graduates

100% Secured Employment

100% Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

POPULAR CAREERS

- **International:** Lutheran World Relief/International Relief workers, Lutheran World Federation, YAGM, volunteer coordinator, conflict mediator, diplomat, foreign affairs official
- **Education:** professor, researcher, campus pastor/minister, dean of student life, student affairs administrator
- **Communications & Arts:** journalist, editor, publisher, museum director
- **Social Services:** counselor, volunteer manager, grant writer, vocational trainer, rehabilitation counselor
- **Religious Affiliated Areas:** clergy, vocation such as a monk or nun, chaplain, music-oriented minister, religious camp coordinator, local missionary leader
- **Other Professions:** physician, nurse, therapist-counselor, bioethicist, lawyer, human resources specialist, physical & occupational therapist, mortician, solar researcher

POPULAR EMPLOYERS

Lutheran World Federation/World Council of Churches, churches, international relief & aid organizations, seminaries, colleges, museums, nursing homes, newspapers, shelters, synagogues, monasteries/convents

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

• Internships/Practicums/Field Experience

- Chaplaincy: Avera or Sanford Health
- Local congregations/parishes
- Bioethics, Sanford Health
- Leading Bible/book studies, Touchmark at All Saints Retirement Community
- Church camps
- Church on the Street

• Example Research Topics

- How the Body Responds to Trauma
- Lost in Cyberspace: Using Hypertext in Textual Interpretation
- Don't You Care That We Are Dying? (performance)
- Eyes to See: An Exploration of the Gospel of Mark (performance)

• Study Away

- AU Faculty-Led: Dharma: Religion, Art, Sound & Literature in India
- AU Faculty-Led: The Cultural Heritage of Spain & Morocco
- AU Faculty-Led: From Luther to Lutfisk: 500+ Years of Religious Communication in Germany & Norway

• Service Learning

- Prison ministries
- Pine Ridge Reservation
- The Banquet
- LSS Mentoring Services
- Good Shepherd Center



WHY STUDY RELIGION?

The religion major urges students to study and wrestle with the plurality and richness of texts, ideas and communities within Christianity and other religious traditions. In our courses, you will ask questions, some of them very old, some sparked by erupting changes in the world.

- What do ancient texts and traditions have to do with contemporary life?
- What does it mean to embrace the universe as a Creationist?
- Is it dangerous to call something evil?
- What is a soul, and would a genetically modified human being have one?
- If Jews and Christians worship the same God that Jesus worshiped, why have Christians persecuted Jews?
- Christians who speak Arabic pray to Allah because that is the Arabic word for God. Does that surprise you? Why?
- What is if my neighbor is a Nazi?

The major is designed to integrate with other majors and strengthen the student who studies that integration. We have also designed specific majors and minors to aid in this integration.

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EMPHASIS OPTIONS

Religion | Religion/Philosophy



FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in RELI 110.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Apply for the national honor society, Theta Alpha Kappa (after 12 credit hours).
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Engage in research in RELI 320 and 332, and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- During your junior year, apply for the departmental honors track.
- Study away with faculty-led trips.
- Gain experience in a field placement or internship setting.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Complete your capstone project in RELI 400.
- Explore opportunities of becoming affiliated with your denominational staff for certification/endorsement in ministry (Ex: SD Synod of the ELCA).

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus organizations such as Faith & Spiritual Life, Better Together, Muslim Student Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Augie Worship Night or Luther House of Study.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.
- Engage in hands-on learning through the Augustana Chapel of Reconciliation.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Meet with representatives from seminaries and graduate schools.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Apply for funds/grants with the Fund for Theological Education at fteleaders.org, and Knight Internship Funds.
- Consider becoming affiliated with a regional church governing body for ministry.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry & Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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