



# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

## Program Description

Religious Studies aims to understand how faith shapes the thoughts, lives, and ethics of individuals and communities in particular ways and different cultures. Fields of study include Theology, Biblical Studies, Spirituality, World Religions, Religious experience, Ethics, and courses in Religion and Culture. Students learn a variety of multicultural, interdisciplinary, historical, and theological methods and perspectives appropriate to the field. Students become familiar with several major religious traditions in the world in addition to Roman Catholicism. Students explore perennial questions concerning the reality of God, the meaning of human existence, the significance of the Bible, the dignity and liberation of the person, and ways to live ethically in a global world. To this end, students learn to appreciate religious diversity and the roles of religions and religious faith in shaping human life, as exemplified particularly in the Roman Catholic tradition. The department is committed to the university's mission of social justice and addresses such issues throughout its curriculum.

## Career Opportunities

This liberal arts major prepares students for graduate studies in religion, teaching, ministry, literary studies, history, and psychology as well as law school, medical school, and business school. Students are strong candidates for careers in business, communications, and non-profit organizations. Recent graduates are work as university admissions counselors, non-profit program directors, high school teachers, lawyers, and campus ministers, and lay directors of church education programs.

## Faculty

Dr. Adrienne Nock Ambrose, Assistant Professor (Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, CA): History of Christianity  
Dr. Glenn Ambrose, Associate Professor (Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, CA): Systematic Theology  
Dr. Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI, Professor (Th.D., Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, CA): Christian Spirituality, Religion and the Arts  
Dr. Julie Miller, Associate Professor and Chair (Th.D, Harvard Divinity School): Ethics, Women in Christianity  
Dr. Eilish Ryan, CCVI, Professor (Th.D., University of St. Michael's College, Canada): Christian Spirituality, History of Christianity  
Horacio Vela, Assistant Professor (ABD, University of Notre Dame)

## Selected Courses

Introduction to Theology  
Understanding Catholicism  
Christian Symbols & Celebrations  
Christian Worship

Introduction to Religious Studies  
Religion, Values and Film  
God and Human Sexuality  
Environmental Theology and Ethics

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US Latino/a Theology & Culture  
Feminist Theology  
Theologies of Liberation  
Biblical Themes  
Hebrew Scriptures  
Pauline Writings  
History of Christianity  
Death and Belief  
Christianity through Art

Catholic Social Teachings  
Women and Faith  
Women in the Christian Tradition  
US Latino/a Spirituality  
Gospels and Acts The Religious Quest  
Prayer and Spirituality  
Arts for Christian Worship

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