

Religious Studies

The graduate program in Religious Studies at Brown is one of the finest in the nation. From among a large pool of highly qualified applicants, the department admits around four to six doctoral students a year. Our students receive six years of full funding; additional funding is possible but not guaranteed. The department's graduates have an excellent placement record, teaching in such institutions as Harvard, Stanford, Indiana University, University of California, Brooklyn College, Reed College, Haverford, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Wisconsin (Madison). Current graduate students have distinguished themselves by presenting papers at international conferences and earning recognition and support from prestigious external funding organizations.

We offer a fifth year Master's Degree for current Brown undergraduate students:

Eight graduate level courses are required, including RELS 2000A, "Method and Theory in the Study of Religion: Historicizing the Discipline" and RELS 2000B, "Method and Theory in the Study of Religion: Interpreting Religion." Students must demonstrate competency in modern research languages (usually French and/or German) as well as in whatever other languages are relevant to their research. A thesis is required.

We offer Ph.D. studies in four areas:

1. Asian Religious Traditions (ART) (<http://www.brown.edu/academics/religious-studies/graduate/doctoral-tracks-phd/asian-religious-traditions-art/>)
2. Islam, Society and Culture (ISC) (<https://www.brown.edu/academics/religious-studies/graduate/doctoral-tracks-phd/graduate-study-2/>)
3. Religion and Critical Thought (RCT) (<http://www.brown.edu/academics/religious-studies/graduate/doctoral-tracks-phd/religion-and-critical-thought-rct/>)
4. Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean (RAM) (<http://www.brown.edu/academics/religious-studies/graduate/doctoral-tracks-phd/religions-ancient-mediterranean-ram/>) (including Ancient Judaism, early Christianity, early Islam, and numerous others)

For more information on these programs, please click on the program link above.

<http://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/programs/religious-studies>
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For general questions about applications, how and when to apply, information for international applicants, application fees, waivers, and any other general inquiry please consult the Brown Graduate School's main information page, and especially the Application Information menu on the left-hand side of the page:

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