

Department of Religion

The Department of Religion at William Jewell College offers one major and two minors. The major leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion. Minors are offered in Christian Tradition and Thought and Biblical Studies.

The Department of Religion leads students to an understanding of religion as a significant part of the human experience. The perspective is one of religion as a force simultaneously shaping and being shaped by cultures, societies, and worldviews, and consequently manifesting itself in varieties of beliefs, practices, traditions, and texts. The program, which is taught by a faculty committed to Christian faith and tradition, encourages students to value and assess their own religious tradition or traditions in the contexts of the broader human religious quest and the critical study of this quest.

Graduates with a major in Religion from William Jewell College will:

- Understand the significant impact that the rise of and responses to contemporary worldviews and perspectives have had on the beliefs, practices, and study of religion;
- Value religion in the context of the human experience and in the course of one's life;
- Understand major world religions and their impact on shaping worldviews and ethics, as they engage in and are engaged by the Christian tradition;
- Learn to read the Bible critically so that the Bible continues to be relevant for contemporary life;
- Have the requisite skills and grasp of scholarly methods to engage in research appropriate for an undergraduate student of religious studies.



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About the Major

During the senior year, students will complete a senior project as part of the advanced capstone course. This capstone experience will be completed by a satisfactory oral presentation of the project to the Religion faculty and Religion majors.

About the Minors

Christian Tradition and Thought

This program of study offers students an opportunity to explore various aspects of Christian tradition, including the study of the Bible, its history and methods of interpretation, essential features of Christian thought and practice, and the study of significant contemporary Christian theologians.

Biblical Studies

The Biblical Studies minor allows students the opportunity to engage in a careful, critical study of the Bible. Students will get an overview of the Bible, engage in a study of the history and methods of biblical interpretation, and take two courses that offer an in-depth exploration of selected biblical themes.



Degree Programs Offered

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