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Graduate Program in Religious Studies

The Graduate Program in Religious Studies comprises programs of study leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The primary goal of both degree programs is to prepare persons for academic leadership in the field, and hence for professional careers as teacher-scholars in colleges, universities, and schools of theology. The M.A. degree program also aims to accommodate the qualified nonprofessional student interested in advanced work in religious studies within the context of the liberal arts and sciences.

Faculty members from Perkins School of Theology and from the Department of Religious Studies in Dedman College constitute the faculty of the program. Other departments and research centers in the university, such as the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions, and the departments of History, Philosophy, and Anthropology, provide additional academic resources for its students. It is supported by the University's extensive library system, especially the renowned Bridwell Library, which has distinctive collections in religion and theology along with state-of-the-art research facilities.

Admission Requirements

Application deadline: **December 31**

B.A. or equivalent from accredited institution

GPA: 3.00 or better on 4.00 scale

GRE: 310 or better on verbal + quantitative (1200 for previous test version)

Sufficient previous study in religion or related areas to satisfy program requirements

TOEFL (non-native speakers of English): 79-80 internet / 210 computer / 550 paper, prefer 100/250/600 or better

Degrees Offered

Specialization in one of the following areas:

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

New Testament

History of the Christian Tradition

Religious Ethics

Religion and Culture

Systematic Theology

Ph.D.

48 hours course work

Research proficiency in two foreign languages (Biblical studies: also Hebrew and Greek)

Four comprehensive examinations

One semester practice teaching

Dissertation

M.A.

30 hours course work

Research proficiency in one foreign language

Thesis

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Religious epistemology, Wesley, doctrine of revelation, philosophy of religion

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