

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Department of Religion and Culture
MINOR IN RELIGION AND JOURNALISM (MRJ)
For student date of entry under UG Catalog 2023-2024

Student name: _____ Last 4 Digits of ID Number: _____
Major: _____ Term entered VT: _____
Expect to graduate: _____ E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

The Religion and Journalism Minor emphasizes a breadth of experience in religion and journalism and associated areas so has the following requirements:

The Minor requires completion of 18 semester hours, 6 of which must be at the 3000/4000 level as follows:

I. Introductory Experience (9 credit hours)

The following two courses:

- _____ RLCL 1014: World Religions (3 credits) (2,11)
- _____ COMM 2084: Media and Society (3 credits) (3,10)

One elective from the following list:

- _____ RLCL 1044: Religious Ethics (3 credits) (2)
- _____ RLCL 2204 (AFST 2204; WGS 2204): Race and Gender in Religion and Culture (3 credits) (2,7,11)
- _____ RLCL 2484 (IS 2484; PSCI 2484): Religion and Politics (3 credits) (2,7,11)
- _____ RLCL 2464 (STS 2464): Religion and Science (3 credits) (3,10)
- _____ PHIL 2304: Global Ethics (3 credits) (2,10)
- _____ COMM 2094: Communication and Issues of Diversity (3 credits) (7,11). Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106
- _____ HIST 2604 (SOC 2604; STS 2604): Introduction to Data in Social Context (3 credits) (2,5f)

II. Mid-level Experience (6 credit hours)

One elective from each group (one of which must be at the 3000/4000 level)

Group 1:

- _____ RLCL 2474 (IS 2474): Religion and Violence (3 credits) ^
- _____ RLCL 3204 (HUM 3204): Multicultural Communication (3 credits)
- _____ RLCL 4024 (SOC 4024): Sociology of Religion (3 credits). Pre: SOC 1004
- _____ PHIL 3324: Biomedical Ethics (3 credits)
- _____ PHIL 3334: Ethical Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence (3 credits)

Any other RLCL course at the 2000-level or above with approval from the minor coordinator

Group 2:

- _____ ENGL 3844: Writing and Digital Media (3 credits) (1). Pre: 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016
- _____ COMM 2024: Media Writing (3 credits). Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H ^
- _____ CMST 2064: The Tradition of Rhetoric and Societal Change (3 credits) (2) ^
- _____ CMST 3134: Public Advocacy (3 credits). Pre: COMM 2004 or COMM 1016
- _____ JMC 3254 (PSCI 3254): Media and Politics (3 credits). Pre: Junior Standing
- _____ CMST 3264: Communication and Gender (3 credits)
- _____ CMST 4174: Digital Advocacy Campaigns (3 credits). Pre: (COMM 1016 or COMM 2004), COMM 2124
- _____ JMC 4014: Media Effects (3 credits). Pre: COMM 2124
- _____ JMC 4334: Communication Ethics (3 credits). Pre: Junior standing
- _____ JMC 4144: Magazine Writing (3 credits)

N.B.: At least one chosen elective must be a Pathways course that fulfills a core concept other than 2 or 3

^Note that this course is at the 2000 level and will therefore not count towards the requirement of one 3000/4000 level course.

III. Capstone Experience (3 credit hours)

_____ RLCL 4014: Religion and the Public Sphere (3 credits)

Notes

- Special offerings, topics courses, Independent Study (4974), Special Study (4984), or Undergraduate Research (4994) in any department, so long as the topic is appropriate, may also be counted towards this minor. Permission to include courses not specifically listed here, however, must be granted by the minor coordinator.
- Prerequisites: Some courses listed on this checksheet may have pre-/co-requisites; please consult the University Course Catalog or check with your advisor.
- Students must have an over-all GPA of 2.0 and an in-minor GPA of 2.0 in order to graduate.
- Students interested in the Religion and Journalism Minor are encouraged to talk with Professor Matthew Gabriele (gabriele@vt.edu)
- No more than 50% of the graded course credits required for the Minor in Religion and Journalism may be double-counted by a student also enrolled in the Religion and Culture, Humanities for Public Service, or Communication major.