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GRADUATE PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The graduate program in Religion is a five-year program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Students spend their first two years preparing for the General Examinations through coursework, independent study, and workshops. In the third, fourth, and fifth years, students conduct research and write the dissertation and are invited to serve as assistants in instruction in undergraduate courses.

REQUIREMENTS

- Coursework
- General Examinations
- Two modern languages appropriate to the student's field of study
- Dissertation
- Final Public Oral Examination

FUNDING

The Graduate School provides full financial support for all five years of a student's enrollment and there are various opportunities for research fellowships in the sixth year. There are additional resources for participation in conferences and support for language study and research from the Graduate School, the department, and other departments and programs at the University.

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AREAS OF STUDY

- Asian Religions
- Islam
- Religions of Mediterranean Antiquity
- Philosophy and Religion
- Religion, Ethics, and Politics
- Religion in America

While the Department encourages its graduate students to work out innovative programs of study and to make use of the full range of available resources, it also requires each student to demonstrate depth of knowledge in one of the fields of concentration. When applying to the program, candidates should indicate which field they intend to pursue.

APPLICATION

- Statement of Academic Purpose
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Writing Sample
- English Language Test Scores (if applicable)

Please note:

The Department of Religion does not accept GRE scores as part of the admissions process.