

The study of religion is one of the most comprehensive ways of understanding humankind and human visions of reality.

Society, Culture & Religion

Religion is an integral part of human cultures and civilizations. The Society, Culture & Religion programs examine how religion influences and shapes the world. We use an interdisciplinary focus to study how ancient and contemporary human cultures ask and answer the “big questions.”

Studying cultures and religions help us understand the root causes of what’s going on in our world, locally and internationally.

SCAR programs allow students to meet challenges in fields such as law, politics, teaching, healthcare, business, journalism and social services.

We offer a breadth of courses and programs tailored to individual student interests. Our professors’ expertise in a wide range of disciplines including Anthropology, Political Philosophy, Ethics and History, contributes to our focus on cultivating critical thinkers, engaged citizens and effective communicators.



The big questions explored. Understand how human beings create and sustain meaning.

Degree options

To apply to Society, Culture & Religion, students must successfully complete a Social Sciences Level I program, including at least one Level I Society, Culture & Religion course.

Honours Society, Culture & Religion B.A.

Grade Point Average of 5.0 including a grade of C in three units from SCAR 1B03, 1SC3 (or Level I Religious Studies)

Combined Honours B.A. in Society, Culture & Religion and another subject

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in three units from SCAR 1B03, 1SC3 or Level I Religious Studies. Satisfaction of the admission requirements for the Honours program in the other B.A. subject.

Minors

Society, Culture & Religion
Religion & Diversity
Health, Well-Being & Religion
Asian Studies
Interdisciplinary Minor in Muslim Studies
Interdisciplinary Minor in Jewish Studies

For students interested in pursuing the Society, Culture & Religion B.A., please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar.

Level I courses

Society, Culture & Religion 1B03

What on Earth is Religion?

Examine religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Focus on the lived experience and interaction of religions and cultures, locally and globally.

Society, Culture & Religion 1SC3

The Big Questions: Introduction to Society, Culture & Religion

This course focuses on the research of current faculty and senior graduate students in the Religious Studies Department to introduce some of the issues contemporary scholars are grappling with in the academic study of religion.

Beyond first year

Choose from a variety of courses, such as:

- Apocalypse, Then and Now
- Religion and Popular Culture in Contemporary Japan
- Sport and/as Religion
- Hollywood/Bollywood and Indian Religions
- Humour and Religion
- Ethnicity, Race and the Bible
- Spirits, Ghosts and Demons
- Cults, Conspiracies and Close Encounters
- Secular Modernity?

Careers & Experiential Education

- Through Careers & Experiential Education, you can participate in paid internships, a tuition-free career planning course, academic placements and job shadowing
- Travel to Morocco and experience an integrated approach to Maternal and Infant Health in Religious Studies 3GH3
- Complete a variety of tasks in the community that will enhance your appreciation of the academic study of religion in Religious Studies 4AE3

Skills development

Employers seek the skills acquired by our graduates, such as:

- Problem-solving using critical, analytical, reasoned thought
- Interpretation and communication skills cultivated through verbal presentations, discussions and debates
- Knowledge of social research, quantitative methods and qualitative interviewing
- Ability to work with diverse groups of people
- Training in cross-cultural inquiry and comparative evaluation

Minor in Religion and Diversity

This unique minor gives students the opportunity to:

- Develop awareness of your global and local neighbours
- Understand religious diversity in contemporary Canada and beyond
- Integrate in-depth knowledge and skills with core competencies

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Government Agencies
- Law
- Human Resource Management
- Social Services
- Conflict Resolution
- Mediation
- Human Rights
- Public Service
- Publishing/Editing

A Society, Culture & Religion degree also provides the foundation for post-graduate studies in religious studies, medicine, law, MBA programs and education.

"I am intrigued by how human beings, both historically and cross-culturally have used religious experiences and insights to explore the big questions we all face.

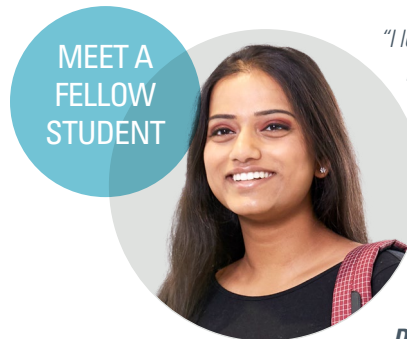
I try to make the classroom a learning community where we are all working together to learn."

– **Philippa Carter**

MEET A
FACULTY
MEMBER



MEET A
FELLOW
STUDENT



"I love the Society, Culture & Religion program because I enjoy being able to piece together how different religions and cultures function within political and social environments. Since Canada is known for its multiculturalism, as a student in this program, I will be able to understand and work with diverse populations."

Delany Satheeswaran,
Honours Society, Culture & Religion