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Academic Program: Master of Arts in Religious Studies
Academic Year: 2022

Study Scheme

Postgraduate Student Handbook 2022-23 (REL-II)

FACULTY OF ARTS

Religious Studies

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M.A. Programme in Religious Studies (Full-time and Part-time)

Applicable to students admitted in 2022-23 and thereafter

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RELS5005

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- (b) Students must take at least one course per term throughout the normative study period stipulated in the "General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies".
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Course List

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Core Course		
RELS5005	Theories of Religious Studies	3
Area 1: Religions, Heritage and Context		
RELS5118	Studies on Chinese Buddhism	3
RELS5121	Popular Religion in China	3
RELS5123	Taoist Thought	3
RELS5219	The Hebrew Bible in Contexts	3
RELS5300	The Study of Islam	3
RELS5312	Hindu Visions of Divinity	3
RELS5316	Studies of Humanistic Buddhism	3
THEO5226	Theology and Feminism	3
THEO5906	Methods and Paradigms of Christian Studies	3
THEO5910	New Testament in Contexts	3
Area 2: Religion, Society and Culture		
RELS5129	Taoism and Chinese Culture	3
RELS5143	Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Society & Religion	3
RELS5273	Catholic Social Ethics	3
RELS5314	Buddhism and Culture	3
RELS5325	Christianity in Chinese Literature	3
RELS5326	Chinese Religion and Literature	3
THEO5221	Protestantism in Reform China	3
THEO5926	Christianity and Chinese Culture	3

Area 3: Religion, Life and Wisdom

RELS5146	Religious Education and Personal Growth	3
RELS5323	Life and Death in World Religions	3
RELS5327	Wisdom in Religious Classic	3
RELS5328	Taoism, Health and Nourishing of Life	3
RELS5329	Buddhism, Right Mindfulness and Meditation	3
RELS5335	Understanding Religion through Film	3

Area 4: Special Topics in Religious Studies

RELS5322	Research Paper in Religious Studies	3
RELS5331	Special Topics in Religious Studies I	3
RELS5332	Special Topics in Religious Studies II	3
RELS5333	Field Studies of Religious Culture	3

Study Scheme**Learning Outcomes****MA in Religious Studies****Knowledge:**

1. The understanding of religion both in their historical settings and contemporary contexts, locally and globally;
2. A basic knowledge of the major religious traditions of the world.

Skills:

1. Communication and presentation (oral and written) skills;
2. Critical and analytical skills;
3. Skills in cross-cultural understanding and intercultural literacy;
4. Research skills.

Attitude:

1. A heightened sensitivity to the religious dimension of human life, society and culture;
2. An analytical capability of the plurality and complexity of religious phenomena;
3. A critical yet sympathetic understanding and appreciation of different religious traditions, especially those to which one does not belong.