

RELIGION

"I value the Religion major largely for the depth of understanding that it gives me about not only my own beliefs, but that of other disciplines as well. It teaches one how to tackle and answer questions that sometimes seem impossible to answer."

- Samantha, Religion Major



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religion. A minor is also available. Students may pair their Religion major with any manner of minors from the natural to social sciences and vice versa.

The academic study of religion at Berea College enables students to explore many different human perspectives on the world, human life, and ultimate human concerns that appear within diverse cultures, across all historical periods, and through multiple traditions.

As a result of the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary character of religious studies, the Religion Department cross-lists many courses in this field of study in several other academic areas of the College's curriculum including African and African American Studies, Asian Studies, History, Peace & Social Justice Studies, Women's and Gender Studies.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Students can gain teaching experience as Teaching Assistants for the Religion department through the labor program.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea Religion graduates find employment or continue their studies in a wide variety of fields and occupations, including:

- Clergy/Ministry of various kinds
- Social Worker
- Teaching
- Non-Profit administration
- Lawyer

COURSES MAY INCLUDE...

- Introduction to Old Testament
- Religions of China
- Introduction to Study of Spirituality
- African Traditional Religion
- Buddhism
- Christian Social Ethics
- Religion, Rhetoric, & Rationality
- Poverty & Justice



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies