DIVINITY GRADUATE COURSES 2024-2025: Requirements for MA/AMRS and PHD Students

This is meant to be the definitive document pertaining to the Divinity School PhD Writing Requirement and the MA/AMRS Committee distribution course requirements. For students matriculating Summer 2020 and forward, PhD students have to take at least three courses that "result in a significant piece of scholarly writing" (15+ pages). If the course is listed as "I (optional)", it means that you will be given an option between choosing to write a final paper and another final evaluation. For Committee designations, no course more than, more than 2 Committee, but each course can only count as fulfilling one Committee requirement. MA/AMRS students must take classes in at least 3 out of the 6 Divinity School Committees of Study. Language courses do not have Committee designations and do not count toward the requirement.

Divinity Committees: Historical Studies, Constructive Studies, Literary, Media, and Cultural Studies (Cultural), Social and Cultural Sciences of Religion (Scientific)

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AUTUMN 2024

PARENT GENIST	NUMBER	SECTION	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	PHD WRITING REQ	COMMITTEES
ISHS	30100	1	Introduction to the Study of Religion	Stackert, Jeffrey B.	n/a	n/a
AMR	41100	1	Ethnography of Public Piety and Bureaucracy	Alvarado, Ethan	Y	Scientific
AMR	54000	1	Ethnographic Methods	Deeniker, Jillmara M.	Y	Scientific
BIBL	31200	1	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	Chanel, Simeon B.	N	Historical-Cultural
BIBL	42210	1	Obsession on the Incarnation	Martinez, David G.	N	Historical
BIBL	42300	1	Interpreting the Gospel According to Matthew	Mitchell, Margaret M.	Y (optional)	Historical
BIBL	53510	1	Early Jewish Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible	Chanel, Simeon B.	Y	Historical-Cultural
CHPR	53600	1	Dogaen and Chinese Buddhist and Confucian Debates	Ziporyn, Brook A.	Y	Historical, Constructive
CHPR	53700	1	Snow Wall: Spirituality, Metaphysics, and Politics	Hacker, Kevin W.	N	Constructive
CHUR	31200	1	History of Christian Thought II: The Middle Ages	Olsen, Ni Glennae	Y (optional)	Historical, Constructive
CLCD	36750	1	Jacobs into Hebrew: Translation and Cultural Change during the Middle Ages	Robinson, James T.	Y (optional)	Historical-Cultural
ERBL	50900	1	Classical Theories of Religion	Wiebenweyer, Christian B.	N	Historical, Scientific
ERBL	27000	1	Contemporary Topics in the Study of South Asian Religion	Venkatakrishnan, Anand	Y	Historical
ISLM	42201	1	Readings in Islamic Law	Ansari, Sarimen	Y	Historical
ISLM	40110	1	Introduction to Arabic and Islamic Studies	Ziyarun, Mehmetcan	N	Historical
MLLP	30100	1	Colloquium: Introduction to Religious Leadership and Practice	Linehan, Cynthia	n/a	n/a
MLLP	31110	1	Arts of Religious Leadership and Practice: Ritual and Speaking	Linehan, Cynthia	n/a	n/a
MLLP	30400	1	Field Work Practicum I	Dornfeld, Erika	n/a	n/a
NETH	32700	1	Introduction to Environmental Ethics	Fredericks, Sarah E.	Y (optional)	Constructive
NETH	53000	1	Good Hands: Research Ethics	Daleth, Laurie	N	Constructive
NETH	53900	1	Cultivation Agency and Responsibility	Fredericks, Sarah E.	Y	Constructive
SOVC	30677	1	American Jewish Literature	Jalen, Sheila E.	Y (optional)	Cultural
SOVC	53600	1	Salvage Poetics: Literature as Ethnography	Jalen, Sheila E.	Y	Cultural
THEO	50070	1	Self Deception: What Is It and How Is It Possible?	Wood, William G.		Constructive
THEO	40000	1	Black Theology & Second Generation	Hopkins, Dwight N.	Y	Constructive
THEO	43616	1	Hope: In Theological, Philosophical, and Political Perspective	Hacker, Kevin W.	N	Constructive
BUDT	30100	1	Introduction to Religious Studies	Baumgartner, Richard A.	n/a	n/a
BUDT	53100	1	Zen Before Zen: Chan Buddhism in China	Ziporyn, Brook A.	N	Historical, Constructive
BUDT	53150	1	Cognitive and Doing Good?	Hopkins, Dwight N.	n/a	n/a
BUDT	53500	1	Mentalizing Theologies	Ruelas, Olivia	n/a	n/a
BUDT	53200	1	Philosophy and Literature in India	Venkatakrishnan, Anand	n/a	n/a
BUDT	53300	1	Saint Forgetful: Memorialization and the Ethics of Memory	Taylor, Zachary J.	n/a	n/a
BUDT	30900	1	Religion and Abortion in American Culture	Cones, Emily D.	n/a	n/a
BUDT	30600	1	Liberatory Violence	Deeniker, Jillmara M.	Y (optional)	Scientific
BUDT	53607	1	Rethinking Pilgrimage: Pop Culture Tourism and Religious Travel	Mirabelmen, Bruce	n/a	n/a
BUDT	30407	1	Or, the Kind of the World we We Know In: Speculativism and Religious Thinking Inside the Bad Times	Cunningham, Marshall	n/a	n/a
BUDT	30600	1	The Election Race of 2024: Ethics, Religion, and the American Polity	Daleth, Laurie	n/a	n/a
BUDT	30400	1	On Scarcity and Consumer Culture in the United States	Osmun, Hannah R.	n/a	n/a
BIBL	30900	1	Introductory Biblical Hebrew I	Thomasson, Emily J.	n/a	n/a
BIBL	30100	1	Introductory Koiné Greek I	Heffer, J. Doug	n/a	n/a
NEHC	30200	1	Mesopotamian Civilization I: 6000-4000	Palombo, Cecilia	n/a	Historical
PHIL	31110	1	Western Philosophy of Religion: A Historical Perspective	Rouhana, Daniel	n/a	Constructive
ARAB	30300	1	High Intermediate Classical Arabic I	Ziyarun, Mehmetcan	n/a	n/a
CLAS	30600	1	Ancient Carthage	Bartosh, Shaul and Lopez Ruiz, Carolina	n/a	n/a
HIST	35011	1	Saints and Sinners in Late Antiquity	Payne, Richard E.	n/a	Historical
HIST	53400	1	Race, Justice, and the Assemblage of American Minorities	Choudhury, Samah	n/a	Historical-Cultural
HIST	53700	1	Europe's Literature and Modern Islam in the Imperial Core	Choudhury, Samah	n/a	Historical-Cultural
NEHC	30200	1	Mesopotamian Religions in Early Mesopotamian Societies	Palombo, Cecilia	n/a	Historical
ANTH	35300	1	Anthropology of Food and Cuisine	Palmer, Stephen	n/a	Scientific

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PARENT GENIST	NUMBER	SECTION	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	PHD WRITING REQ	COMMITTEES
ISHS	30400	1	Theory and Method	Walsh, Erin O.	n/a	n/a
ISHS	31400	1	Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion	Hammerschlag, Sarah S.	N	n/a
AMR	54600	1	Problems in the Anthropology of Religion	Hee, Jiagie	N	Historical, Scientific
AMR	41400	1	Color Bar Religion	Hee, Jiagie	Y (optional)	Historical, Scientific
BIBL	53700	1	Introduction to the New Testament: Texts and Contexts of Interpretation	Walsh, Erin O.	Y	Historical-Cultural
BIBL	53900	1	Introduction to Paperology	Martinez, David G.	N	Historical
BIBL	44000	1	The Book of Hosea	Chanel, Simeon B.	Y (optional)	Historical-Cultural
CHPR	50100	1	Dialectics and its Aftertlows: Hegel and Derrida	Capps, Ryan D.	Y	Constructive
CHUR	31200	1	History of Christian Thought II	MacFarlane, Kirsten	N	Historical
ERBL	31700	1	Music and Love in South Asia	Venkatakrishnan, Anand and Sahuda, Anna C.	N	Historical
ERBL	50200	1	The Divinity School, The Study of Religion, and Society in the Long American 20th Century	Wiebenweyer, Christian B. and Baumgarten, Richard A.	Y (optional)	Historical, Scientific
ERBL	53200	1	Problems in the History of Religions	Wiebenweyer, Christian B.	N	Historical, Scientific
ISLM	30500	1	Introduction to the Qur'an	Ziyarun, Mehmetcan	N	Historical, Scientific
ISLM	53500	1	Major Trends in Islamic Mysticism	Cazenell, Yousuf A.	Y (optional)	Constructive
ISLM	53107	1	Islamic Psychology	Cazenell, Yousuf A.	Y (optional)	Constructive
ISLM	30500	1	Islam, Race, and Decoloniality	Chishti, Sikiru	Y (optional)	Scientific
ISLAM	30100	1	Free Studies in African American Religion	Harris, Matthew M.	Y (optional)	Historical
ISLAM	30407	1	Race and Religion in the U.S.	Evans, Curtis J.	Y (optional)	Historical, Scientific
ISLAM	53100	1	Experiments in the Study of Religion, Solidarity, and Hope	Harris, Matthew M.	N	Scientific
MLLP	30100	1	Colloquium: Introduction to Religious Leadership and Practice	Linehan, Cynthia	n/a	n/a
MLLP	53600	1	An Introduction to Public Theology and Moral Action	Hatch, Marshall	n/a	n/a
MLLP	53200	1	Arts of Religious Leadership and Practice: Spiritual Care and Counseling	Linehan, Cynthia	n/a	n/a
MLLP	30700	1	Field Work Practicum II	Dornfeld, Erika	n/a	n/a
NETH	30900	1	Reading Your Neighbor's Scripture: Scriptural Reasoning	Daleth, Laurie	Y	Constructive
NETH	35900	1	Moral Theory and Philosophical Ethics	Schweiker, William	N	Constructive
NETH	37570	1	Ethics of Rest	Fredericks, Sarah E.	Y	Constructive
NETH	43100	1	Problems in Theology and Ethics: Humanism and Anti-Humanism	Schweiker, William	Y	Constructive
NETH	53100	1	Wrestling the Law: James and the Talmud	Daleth, Laurie	Y	Constructive
SOVC	31700	1	Reading Religion in South Asia	Taylor, Sarah P.	Y	Historical-Cultural
THEO	43800	1	Black Ownership of Wealth	Hopkins, Dwight N.	Y	Constructive
THEO	40600	1	Approaches to Suffering: Theological Perspectives and Contemporary Meditations	Culp, Kristine	Y (optional)	Constructive
THEO	30700	1	Late Medieval Women: Sanctity, Gender, Authorship, and Authority	Olsen, Ni Glennae	Y	Historical, Constructive
THEO	53200	1	Social Entrepreneurship	Hopkins, Dwight N.	Y	Constructive
BUDT	30100	1	Introduction to Religious Studies	Pinkney, Foster I.	n/a	n/a
BUDT	53000	1	Japanese Zen Buddhism	Jaska, Stephen	n/a	Historical, Scientific
BUDT	53000	1	Shame in the European Reformation(s)	MacFarlane, Kirsten	n/a	n/a
BUDT	53700	1	Buddhism and the Good Life	Jaska, Stephen	n/a	n/a
BUDT	35200	1	History, Religion, and Politics in Augustine's *City of God*	Olsen, Ni Glennae and Allen, Michael I.	n/a	Historical
BUDT	35700	1	Environmental Justice in Chicago	Fredericks, Sarah E.	n/a	n/a
BUDT	30500	1	Tradition and Modernity in Jewish Thought and Literature	Redfield, James A.	Y	Historical-Cultural
BUDT	30200	1	*No Good Place and the Bad Place*: Judgement, Punishment, and Living a Good Life	Pinkney, Foster I.	n/a	n/a
BUDT	30600	1	Religion in Anime and Japanese Pop Culture	Mirabelmen, Bruce	n/a	n/a
BIBL	30900	1	Introductory Biblical Hebrew II	Thomasson, Emily J.	n/a	n/a
BIBL	30100	1	Introductory Koiné Greek II	Heffer, J. Doug	n/a	n/a
ARAB	30400	1	High Intermediate Classical Arabic II	Ziyarun, Mehmetcan	n/a	n/a
NEHC	30200	1	Mesopotamian Civilization II: 950-1750		n/a	Historical
ANTH	30510	1	Reading Walter Benjamin's 'Artwork' Essay	Mazzarella, William T.S.	n/a	Scientific
ERAC	53011	1	Foundations of East Asian Buddhism	Copp, Paul	n/a	Historical, Cultural
ANTH	40000	1	Adventures in Speculative Environments - Readings in Anthropology and Environment	Fisch, Michael	n/a	Scientific
LATN	21200	1	Medieval Latin	Allen, Michael I.	n/a	n/a

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PARENT GENIST	NUMBER	SECTION	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	PHD WRITING REQ	COMMITTEES
ERBL	30400	1	The Interpretive Studies	Walsh, Erin O.	N	Historical

EGRL	20400	1	The Pagans in Egypt: Tradition and Comparison	Dauchert, Jeffrey R.	Y	Historical, Cultural
EGRL	20400	1	Demonology	Dauchert, Jeffrey R.	Y	Historical, Cultural
EGPR	20300	1	Ritual and Technique	Copeia, Ryan D. and Reddy, Sokoloff	Y	Constructive
ECHR	22000	1	The Reformation in Britain, 1450-1660	Macfarlane, Kirsten	N	Historical
ECHR	22000	1	Christianity and Judaism in Early Modern Europe	Macfarlane, Kirsten	Y	Historical
ECHR	22200	1	Cultivating Women in Ancient Christianity	Mitchell, Margaret M.	Y	Historical
ECHR	22000	1	Priesthood, Philosophy, and Power	Ulmer, M'Ciennan and Hodges, Philippe	Y	Historical, Constructive
ERBL	22000	1	Eastern Buddhism in East Asia	Licha, Stephen	Y (optional)	Historical, Scientific
ERBL	22007	1	Contemporary Theories of Religion	Licha, Stephen	Y (optional)	Scientific
ESLM	22000	1	Power and Authority after the Prophet Muhammad	Aljaziyar, Mehmetcan	Y (optional)	Historical
ESLM	20000,	1	Authors and Coherently	Cameeh, Yousaf A. and Lincoln, Matthew	Y (optional)	Historical, Constructive
ESLM	22700	1	Readings: Sufism in Morocco	Cameeh, Yousaf A.	Y (optional)	Historical, Constructive
ESAR	22110	1	The Gospel Trial in Historical Perspective	Evans, Curtis J.	Y	Historical, Scientific
ESAR	22100	1	The Christian Right	Fahrella, William J.	Y (optional)	Historical
ESAR	22102	1	Sacred Geographies: Religion in Chicago	Evans, Curtis J. and Harris, Matthew M. and Crews, Darby	N	Historical
ERLP	22102	1	Colloquium: Introduction to Religious Leadership and Practice	Linshoe, Cynthia	n/a	n/a
ERLP	22102	1	Arts of Religious Leadership and Practice: Community, Leadership, and Change	Linshoe, Cynthia	n/a	n/a
ERLP	22002	1	Field Work Practicum III	Dorenfeld, Erika	n/a	n/a
ERLP	22400	1	Senior Mile Thesis Seminar	Linshoe, Cynthia	n/a	n/a
ERLP	22600a	1	Advanced Seminar: TBD	Yeates, Sunil	n/a	n/a
ERTH	22200	1	Islamic Ethics I: Foundations	deRanete, Karissa	Y	Historical, Constructive
ERTH	20200	1	Islamic Supersession(s)	deRanete, Karissa	N	Historical, Constructive
ERTH	20700	1	The Theological Ethics of Thomas Aquinas and Karl Barth	Schweiker, William	Y	Constructive
RLVC	20111	1	The Self and the Vision-Image and Caver in the Western Artistic Tradition	Elsner, Jas	Y	Cultural
RLVC	20002	1	Art and Pilgrimage from Antiquity to Christianity	Elsner, Jas	Y	Cultural
RLVC	21100	1	The Crisis of Criticism (Kant to Hegel	Kavanagaran, Richard J.	Y	Historical, Cultural
RLVC	21700	1	Encounters in Modern Judaism	Hammerschlag, Sarah S.	Y	Constructive, Cultural
THEO	22000	1	Feminist Theory and Theology	Culp, Kristine	Y (optional)	Constructive
THEO	20700	1	Islamic Theologies	Hacker, Kevin W.	N	Constructive
RLST	22012	1	Introduction to Hinduism	Taylor, Sarah P.	n/a	n/a
RLST	22200	1	Godly: A Conceptual History	Copeia, Ryan D.	n/a	n/a
RLST	22300	1	Religion and Psychiatry	Joyce Coughlan, Owen T.	n/a	n/a
RLST	22027	1	Power and Responsibility in the Anthropocene	Weaver, Caitlin B.	n/a	n/a
RLST	22200	1	Christian and Anti-Christian: Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on Religion and Moral Life	Schweiker, William	Y	Constructive
RLST	22000	1	Disciplining the God that Decows: Embodied Forms of Knowledge, Self, and Divinity	Berger, Jesse	n/a	n/a
RLST	20202	1	Is Religion Bad for Women?	James, Hannah	n/a	n/a
RLST	22100	1	Buddhism and Science: A Critical Introduction	Berger, Jesse	n/a	n/a
RLST	22110	1	Christianity, Nonviolence, and Realism	Pinkney, Hunter I.	n/a	n/a
RLST	20200	1	Religion and Visual Culture in the Late Antique Mediterranean	Krause, Karin	Y (optional)	Historical, Cultural
RLST	20200	1	Laboratory Violence: Part II	Deerslier, Jérôme M.	Y	Scientific
RLST	22107	1	Immunum: Making Monsters in Science and Religion	Matthews, Jitka	n/a	n/a
RLST	22012	1	Judaism and Ethnography	Redfield, James A.	Y	Cultural, Scientific
RLST	22000	1	Myth and Its Critics	Lopez-Ruiz, Caroline	n/a	n/a
RLST	20111	1	Zen Jihad and Religion	Johnson, Russell P.	n/a	n/a
RLST	20020	1	Cabal, Cult, and Crisis: Religion and Contemporary Conspiracy Theory	Smail Jr, Justin N.	n/a	n/a
RLST	22000	1	Quakerism: Forming the Self	Welch, Erin Q. and Taylor, Sarah P.	Y	Historical, Cultural
ARHC	20200	1	Commercial Civilization III: 1750 to Present	miscellaneous	n/a	Historical
ARAB	20200	1	High Intermediate Classical Arabic III	Aljaziyar, Mehmetcan	n/a	n/a
SANS	20200	1	Third Year Sanskrit III	Vettakattirshivan, Anand	n/a	n/a
TIBTN	22900	1	Advanced Tibetan	Weidemeyer, Christian D.	n/a	n/a
RSAC	20000,	1	The Spirit of Reality TV in East Asia	Hee, Angela Jung, Hoyt	N	Scientific
ARTH	20170	1	Orientalism	Mazzenella, William T.S.	n/a	Scientific
CCTS	22100	1	Religion, Medicine, and Human Flourishing on the South Side of Chicago	Hees, Jelles Jo Omaal Van Michael	n/a	n/a