

Texas A&M University

Marketable Skills

Program:	Interdisciplinary Religious Studies
Degree:	BA Religious Thought, Practices, and Cultures
Department:	Interdisciplinary Critical Studies
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Outcome	Master the depth of knowledge required for a degree
Marketable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to analyze historical situations, documents and texts, visual imagery, and media that represent people’s religious behavior. • Ability to find relevant information about religious thought, practices, and culture through independent research. • Apply knowledge of religious thought, practices, and culture to analysis of social, economic, and political patterns involving religion •

Outcome	Demonstrate critical thinking
Marketable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on research, predict social trends involving religious practices nationally and globally. • Provide reasoned analysis of philosophical, mythical, and experiential evidence of religious thought. • Assess relationships among religious traditions within cultures, and relationships between religious traditions and other aspects of culture. • Identify ways religion motivates social behavior and expression, and ways religious motivation is subsumed within larger cultural and social forces.

Outcome	Communicate effectively
Marketable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating information and ideas through written, spoken, and visual mediums to further understanding of religion in the modern world and in historical periods across cultures. • Adapt communication techniques for different audiences with different disciplinary backgrounds, religious orientations, and religious belief systems. • In social and professional settings, attend with intelligence and critical acumen to diverse perspectives; ask informed questions about religious thought, practices and cultures in any situation.

Outcome	Practice personal and social responsibility
Marketable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work independently, taking responsibility for completing tasks on deadline without supervision. • Recognize one’s own beliefs with regard to religion and while maintaining an objective, analytical perspective. • Apply historical and cultural knowledge when assessing values held by others without judgment.

Outcome	Demonstrate social, cultural, and global competencies
Marketable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipate and appreciate religious beliefs and practices of other cultures and societies. • Articulate awareness of other people’s reactions that may be grounded in religious thought or practice in order to foster understanding among people of different religious orientations. • Recognizing historical and modern connections between events and larger social forces involving religion. • Distinguish among ethical codes proscribed by religious traditions, as well as expression of morality among individuals within a tradition.

Outcome	Prepare to engage in life-long learning
Marketable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in continual self-reflection. • Recognize power dynamics and the effect of those dynamics on individuals. • Continually assess truth-claims, and be prepared to analyze agendas, biases, and contradictions objectively. • Nurture curiosity and creativity in oneself and support others in their efforts to understand the complexity of religious thought, practices, and cultures.

Outcome	Work collaboratively
Marketable Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to work with other people with whom one does not share a common belief system. • Adapt when confronted with new or contradictory points of view, using knowledge gained in this BA to reflect on those points of view. . • Identify common ground and simultaneously respecting differences in pursuit of shared goals.