

UCEAP STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS THAT BEST MATCH UCR'S RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (as of 2016-2017) revised as of 4/26/22

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** these rankings are only based on each program's ability to fulfill RLST Major requirements, nearly ANY program in ANY country can be used to fulfill breadth requirements.*

Country	Program	When	GPA	Equivalent Courses	Notes
Canada, Vancouver	University of British Columbia	Fall, Spring, Year	3		Students at UCB took courses in Human Rights, Ancient Egypt, Akkadian, and Greek Religion
Canada, Montreal	McGill University	Fall, Spring, Year	3	RLST 121 (RELG 303), RLST 128 (open to any course on a topic in the Bible), RLST 130 (RELG 114), RLST 135A/B (RELG 303, 479), 137B, RLST 170 (RELG 420)	The Faculty of Religious Studies offers numerous courses in the field of Religious Studies. UCEAP students have previously taken courses on the New Testament and Eastern traditions. They have courses that fulfill many of our upper division requirements.
China, Shanghai	Fudan University	Fall, Spring	3	RLST 103 and RLST 143 relate to Religion in China	This program is concerned with the many lenses used to understand globalization. Previous students have taken a course on Religion in China through the Sociology department. While this course has been offered, the Sociology courses offered to English speaking students appear limited to economics.
Czech Republic, Prague	Central European Studies at Charles University	Fall, Spring, Year	3	RLST 124 (RELI 3002 PRAG), RLST 137 (RELI 3003 PRAG)	UCEAP students have previously taken courses on Judaism in Europe and Kabbalah. Courses focus on the relationship between religion and politics, culture, and the nation.
Costa Rica, Puntarenas	Monteverde Institute	Fall, Spring	N/A		This is a biology and conservation institute. Students took courses in Tropical Diversity, Ecology, etc.
Denmark, Copenhagen	University of Denmark	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85	RLST 100 (TTEASK018U), RLST 102 (TTEASK018U), RLST 106 (HREB00051U RE), RLST 111 (TEMP004333)	UCEAP students have taken courses in mythology and the place of the Bible in culture. Focus on contemporary questions of migration and globalization.
France, Paris	Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Science Po)	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		Students at UCB took courses in Migration, Structures and Crisis, Being Human, Peace theory, Ethics of War, French, Statebuilding, Face of Conflict, South Asian Nationalism, and Foreign Policy

France, Paris	UC Center				
France, Bordeaux	University of Bordeaux	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85	RLST 137B (RGST 124)	Much of the coursework deals with the idea of "culture" broadly, which includes religion. Students at UCB took many courses at this location that counted toward Religious Studies requirements.
Germany, Berlin	Free University of Berlin	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85	RLST 135B (FUBEST 32) RLST 124 (FUBEST 25)	Coursework deals with culture and European studies broadly. Courses specifically dealing with religion look at Judaism in Europe and the Reformation legacy. Students have previously taken courses on Islam and Europe which could fill RLST 111 or RLST 113.
Hong Kong	Chinese University of Hong Kong	Fall, Spring, Year	3	RLST 117 (ANTH 2340), RLST 103, RLST 107, RLST 142 (ANTH 5350) RLST 106 (PHIL 4111 and 4121)	Students have previously taken courses on Buddhism in contemporary life/human life, as well as myth, and religions of China. Because of the range of courses and programs this would be the best program in East Asia. Courses relating to our department are in the anthropology and philosophy department.
Ireland, Dublin	Trinity College	Fall, Spring, Year	3	The courses the University shows in this department do not have numbers. However, they offer courses related to RLST 100, 102, 121, 122, 128, 130, 131135A/B, etc.	This specific university has a Religion and Theology department that offers many courses. The department is framed as relating to the question of global diversity.
Ireland, Cork	University College Cork	Fall, Spring, Year	3	RLST 111 (RG2300), RLST 135B (2302), RLST 103, 106, 107 (RG2304), RLST 139 (2307), RLST 109 (RG2310) RLST 102 (RG6010) RLST 101, RLST 104, 106, 108 (RG6050)	This university also has a specific department of religion with a wide range of courses relating to religion.
Israel, Jerusalem	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Fall, Spring, Year	3	The course offerings are down, but courses are available related to RLST 124, RLST 124G, RLST 124J, RLST 124k, RLST 126, RLST 127	This program offers courses relating to Israel/Palestine, the question of the nation and nation formation, Jewish Studies, etc. Students have previously taken courses on Judaism, history of Israel, and the Holocaust.
Italy, Rome	UC Center	Fall	2.5	RLST 135A	Primarily history, cultural studies, and art history. Students have taken a history of Christianity course in the past. Students at UCSB took many courses on culture and language that counted toward Religious Studies requirements.

Italy, Rome	UC Center	Winter, Spring	2.5	No current offerings, but this seems important	Focus on culture with site visits. Students at UCSB took many courses on culture and language that counted toward Religious Studies requirements.
Italy, Florence	UC Center	Summer, Winter, Fall Spring	2	No current offerings, but this seems important	Focus on culture, specifically with the Renaissance, and site visits. Students at UCSB took many courses on culture and language that counted toward Religious Studies requirements.
Japan, Tokyo	Meiji Gakuin University	Fall, Spring	3	RLST 106 and 105 (KC3007)	Courses focus on contemporary questions of global studies and international relations. Students have previously taken courses on Buddhism, Japanese religion, and Islam.
Japan, Tokyo	International Christian University	Fall, Spring, Year	3	RLST 135A/B (PHR101/2) PHR231/2 are Biblical Studies, I'm not sure if we can make the lower division course count for this. Same with PHR234/5 for History of Religions. RLST 106 and RLST 105 (PHR240)	Students have previously taken courses on the history of Buddhism, Sociology of Religion, and general introductory courses on religion. The focus is on Japanese culture and humanities. This program is also available with an internship component. This program has extensive courses on History of Religion, Biblical Studies, and Theology.
Japan, Kyoto	Doshisha University	Spring	3		Students at UCSB took courses on language, Japanese Religion, Zen Buddhism, and Christian Spirituality
Korea, Seoul	Yonsei University	Summer and Spring, Year	3	All of the courses we offer on Christianity and the Biblical texts are offered. RLST 107 (PHIL13151), RLST 106 (PHIL14109)	Emphasis on society and culture. There are internship opportunities for students staying longer than a quarter. There is a robust Theology department with many courses. Students in the past have taken courses on Korean religion, women and religion, the Church, Christianity, the Bible, etc. The Philosophy department offers courses on Taoism and Buddhism (Zen).
Mexico, Mexico City	UC Center	Summer	2.5	This program appears new and there is very limited information. But, it could be a great option in the future.	Focus on history, culture, and language.
Netherlands, Utrecht	University College	Fall, Spring, Year	3	(UCHUMREL34) Religion and Post-secularity, (UCHUMREL12) Introduction, (UCHUMREL23) Religion and the Public Domain, RLST 102	European studies. Students have previously taken world religion courses in the Anthropology department and Religious Studies department.

New Zealand, Wellington	Victoria University of Wellington	Fall, Spring	2.85		Students at UCSB took courses on Religion and Human Biology, American Literature in the 20th Century, and New Zealand History
Singapore	National University	Fall, Spring, Year	3	...	Students have previously taken courses on Chinese and Japanese religion, religion in Southeast Asia, Buddhism, etc.
South Africa, Cape Town	University of Cape Town	Fall, Spring	3	We lack courses specifically about African religion. We offer African American religion and a course on human rights that may be useful.	The African Studies program specifically addresses questions of identity and globalization. Students have previously taken courses on religion in Africa.
Spain, Barcelona	University of Barcelona	Fall, Spring, Year	2.75		Students at UCSB took courses on Contemporary Spanish Cinema, Anthropology, and Feminism, language, Textual Criticism, Latin American Literature, Don Quijote, and Latin American Literary Genres
Sweden, Lund	Lund University	Summer, Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		Students at UCSB took courses in language, Religion and Politics, Social Policy, War and Peace in the Balkans, Religious Impact on Migration, Children of Abraham, and Religion and Sports
Thailand, Bangkok	Thammasat University	Summer, Fall, Spring, Year	2.5	RLST 106 (PD353) The summer program course on Buddhism covers topics including women and Buddhism, monasticism, environmental preservation, Buddhist art, etc. The program also offers courses similar to RLST 111 and the various courses relating to India. The university offers programs in Thai, Chinese, and Indian studies.	Interdisciplinary Studies. The summer program includes a specific course on Thai Buddhism as a core component of the program. Students have also taken courses on Islam in Thailand. Students at UCSB took numerous courses in this program.
United Kingdom, London	King's College	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85	There is a course that matches almost everything we offer.	This program offers extensive courses on religion. Specifically, history of Christianity, patristics, Judaism, Buddhism, etc. GREAT OPTION!
United Kingdom, Scotland	University of St. Andrews	Fall	2.85	Every course we have that relates to Christianity and the Bible	The divinity program would be great for students interested in Christianity.
United Kingdom, London	UC Center	Fall	2.5		Students from UCSB attended the UC Center at Bloomsbury and took courses on Long Museums, Theater in London, British Cinema, and Social Space.
United Kingdom, Canterbury	University of Kent	Fall, Year	3		Students at UCSB took courses in Sex and Evolution, South East Asian Society, and Sociology of Religion.
United Kingdom, Brighton	University of Sussex	Year, Fall, Summer	3		Students at UCSB took course on Buddhism, Philosophy and Ethics, Religion and Evolution, and Philosophy and Ethics

Site Specific Programs

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	Australia National				"Along with courses from a wide range of fields, you can take advantage of unique offerings such as Aboriginal studies, Australian studies, and Asia-Pacific regional studies." Other Australia programs, including Sydney and Brisbane, are also options, but this one has a specific discussion of indigenous studies.
Barbados, Bridgetown	University of the West Indies	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		Courses on Caribbean culture, African cultural tradition, race, nationalism, etc.
Ghana	University of Ghana, Legon	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		The religious Studies department offers most of the courses we offer. African studies coursework is recommended, which includes courses in African religion.

Programs with Language Requirement

Country/ Language	Program	When	GPA	Equivalent Courses	Notes
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro (Portuguese language, some English courses)	Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		Courses on Religion and Society have been taken in the past. I cannot see the courses taught in Portuguese. However, being a Catholic University I am sure they have courses on Catholicism.
Chile, Santiago (Spanish)	Pontifical Catholic University of Chile	Fall, Spring, Year		RLST 135A/B	Courses on Christianity, religion and science, religion and family, etc.
China, Shanghai (Chinese, some English courses)	Fudan University (Global and International Studies)	Fall, Summer	2.85	RLST 103, 107, 142, etc.	Several courses on religion in China through the sociology department.
France, Bordeaux (Coursework in French)	University of Bordeaux	Fall, Spring, Year			The university has a religious studies department that teaches a range of courses that fit all of our courses.
Germany, Berlin (Coursework in German)	Humboldt University of Berlin	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		The university has a religious studies department that teaches a range of courses that fit all of our courses.
Italy, Bologna	University of Bologna	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		Students in the past have taken courses in the Religious Studies department focusing on Christianity, religion and modernity, etc.
Japan, Tokyo (Japanese courses are required unless fluent)	Hitotsubashi University	Year, Spring	3	RLST 111	There are no current religion courses, but the program has courses on Japanese culture and may have courses on religion in the future.

Jordan, Amman (Arabic courses with some English. This program is mainly for Arabic study)	Council on International Educational Exchange, Amman	Fall, Spring	3		Introduction to Islam is taught alongside Arabic courses at all levels.
Mexico, Mexico City (Spanish)	National Autonomous University of Mexico	Fall, Spring, Year	2.85		No courses directly in religion, but many in culture and history. I am sure courses on Latin American religion and religion and colonialism will apply.
Morocco, Rabat (Arabic program)	Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), Rabat	Fall	2.5	RLST 111, RLST 151	Courses on Arabic, the Qur'an, and Islam
Spain, Madrid (Coursework in Spanish)	Complutense University of Madrid	Fall, Year	2.85		There are many courses on religion taught in Spanish; sociology of religion, Islam, Biblical Studies, etc.

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