Religious Studies Newsletter
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**Special Announcements**

**Happy Pride Month!**
- The Department of Religious Studies wishes everyone a Happy Pride Month.

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**Declaring the Major**

**How to Declare the Major in Religious Studies**
- To declare the undergraduate major in Religious Studies, just fill out this form.
- The major in Religious Studies requires 30 credit hours.
- The minor in Religious Studies only requires 15 credit hours. With a few more classes, you could acquire a Bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies.

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**M.A. in Religious Studies**

**How to Apply for the M.A. in Religious Studies**
- The M.A. in Religious Studies program approaches the academic study of religion and religions from a variety of critical and interdisciplinary perspectives, with an emphasis placed on the global and multicultural aspects of religion.
- The M.A. application is completely electronic via the Charlotte Graduate School website.
Exceptional undergraduate students at Charlotte may apply for the Early Entry Program and begin work toward the graduate degree before completion of the Bachelor’s degree.

- Check out our promotional video to understand the Early Entry Program!
- For more information regarding admission requirements or other aspects of the program please contact: Dr. Kent Brintnall - kent.brintnall@uncc.edu.

### Programming

#### Charlotte Beginning of Summer Blood Drive

- The Red Cross and UNC Charlotte will sponsor the Beginning of Summer Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, in the Lucas Room, Bonnie E. Cone University Center.
- Parking will be available in the Cone Parking Visitor Deck, and free parking vouchers will be provided to donors at the donation site. In addition to helping others, all donors will receive a digital $5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.
- To donate, visit the Red Cross website and type in UNCC as the sponsor code.
- Walk-in donations will be welcomed, but a reserved time shortens the wait.

#### 19th Anniversary of Dances of India

- It's time for the 19th anniversary of Dances of India, hosted by Dr. Maha Gingrich!
- This virtual event will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
- You can digitally attend the FREE event [here](#).
Juneteenth Homage Exhibit

- In celebration of Juneteenth, the Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement (IEE) is hosting a Homage Virtual Exhibit and Q&A at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16.
- More info on the Juneteenth exhibit can be found on the Homage website, and registration is required for the virtual event.
- Register here.

Helpful Resources

UREC Personal Training

- Accredited personal trainers are ready to lead you on the path to fitness!
- With an exercise plan tailored specifically to your needs, you are sure to meet your exercise goals.
- Types of training include:
  - Virtual Training
  - In-Person Training
  - Workouts to Go
- Learn more about UREC-offered personal training here.

Jamil Niner Student Pantry: Volunteer Shift

- The Jamil Niner Student Pantry assists UNC Charlotte undergraduate and graduate students who struggle with food insecurity.
- Through volunteering, you will be working with the pantry student leadership team to provide healthy, cultural, and emergency foods to students on campus.
- You can volunteer from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.
- Reach out to Jes Dormady (jdormad1@uncc.edu) with any questions.

News about department events will be emailed to you as well as posted on the department website and on our Facebook page, Twitter feed, and Instagram. We will host the Loy H. Witherspoon Annual Lecture as well as the Tate Lecture in Judaic Studies this year, both virtually.