

## Religious Studies Newsletter

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### Special Announcements

#### Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Break!

- The Department of Religious Studies wishes you all a safe and rejuvenating Thanksgiving Break!
- Classes will resume on November 29, 2021 (Monday).

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#### Apply for Internships in RELS

- RELS 3400 - Internships is being offered to Religious Studies majors/minors for Spring 2022.
- Internships in the Department of Religious Studies provide an opportunity for majors and minors to transfer the skills and knowledge they have learned in the classroom to professional settings.
- In order to receive academic credit for your internship, you must complete an ePortfolio that compiles information about the organization, your responsibilities (amounting to 120 hours), evaluations, and a reflection on the work you completed.
- You will need to contact the organization's supervisor, arrange an interview, and secure your placement **before you can register for RELS 3400**.
- **The Department of Religious Studies has placements available for internships**, such as Pierre Law, International House, and SHARE.
- Contact Celia Sinclair ([cbsincla@uncc.edu](mailto:cbsincla@uncc.edu)) or Saad Jalisi ([sjalisi@uncc.edu](mailto:sjalisi@uncc.edu)) with questions.

## Declaring the Major

### How to Declare the Major in Religious Studies

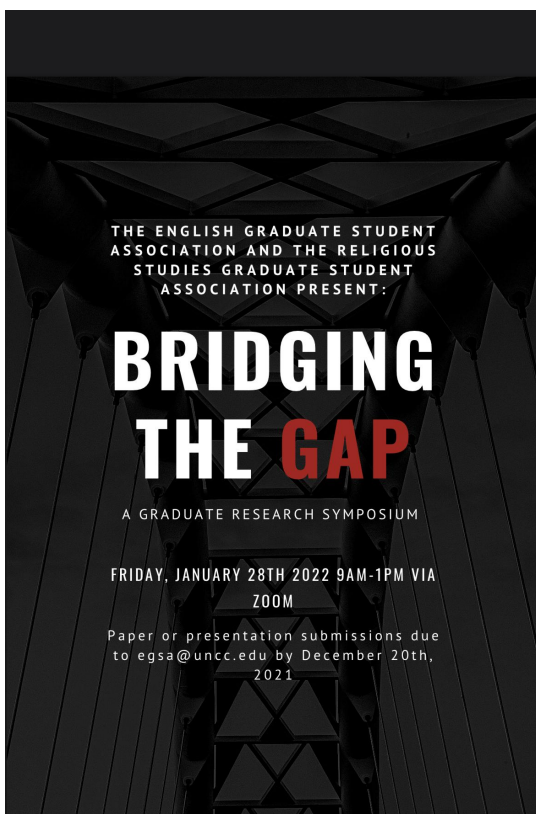
- To declare the undergraduate major in Religious Studies, just fill out [this form](#).
- The major in Religious Studies requires 30 credit hours.
- The minor in Religious Studies only requires 15 credit hours. With a few more classes, you could acquire a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies.

## M.A. in Religious Studies

### How to Apply for the M.A. in Religious Studies

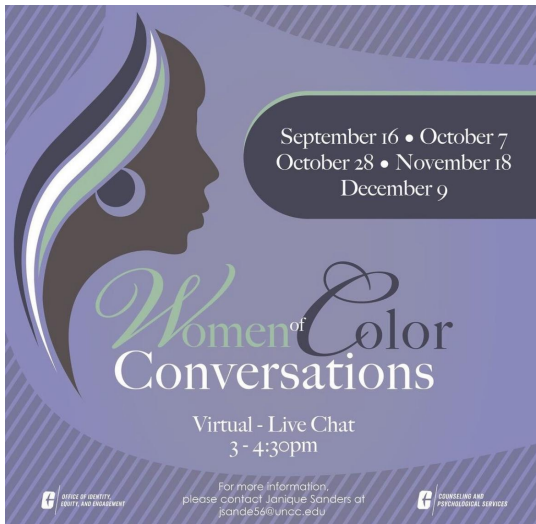
- The M.A. in Religious Studies program approaches the academic study of religion and religions from a variety of critical and interdisciplinary perspectives, with an emphasis placed on the global and multicultural aspects of religion.
- The M.A. application is completely electronic via the [Charlotte 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](mailto:kent.brintnall@uncc.edu).

## Programming



### Bridging the Gap: A Graduate Research Symposium

- The English Graduate Student Association and the Religious Studies Graduate Association are excited to present Bridging the Gap: A Graduate Research Symposium.
- This virtual symposium welcomes papers and artistic expressions that celebrate intertextuality, pastiche, and the interdisciplinary nature of academic research.
- The symposium will be held virtually on **Friday, January 28, 2022 at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**
- If you are interested in participating in this symposium, you must submit an abstract (about 250 words) for your paper and/or performance to [egsa@uncc.edu](mailto:egsa@uncc.edu) by **Monday, December 20, 2021.**



### **Women of Color Conversations**

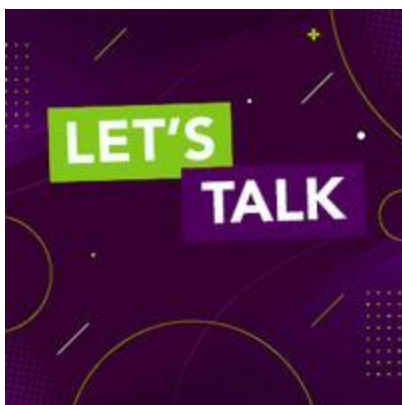
- The Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement is hosting Women of Color Conversations.
- These virtual chats will engage with meaning dialogue around the intersections of womanhood and being a person of color.
- The final conversation will be held on **December 9th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.**
- Register [here](#).



### **Sex Week UNCC**

- Sex Week UNCC is looking for students to participate in their February 2022 drag show.
- If you are interested, please reach out to Sex Week through an Instagram DM (@sexweekuncc) or email ([sexweekuncc@gmail.com](mailto:sexweekuncc@gmail.com)).
- People of all genders can participate!

## Helpful Resources



### **Center for Counseling and Psychological Services**

- Let's Talk is a brief, drop-in and confidential problem-solving consultation with a CAPS team member. Visits are first come, first serve. No appointment necessary and the wait time is usually brief.
- Services Offered by CAPS:
  - Individual Counseling
  - Group Counseling
  - Relationship Therapy
  - Crisis Assistance
  - Self Help Resources- [Click here for more information](#)
- **Call 704-687-0311** during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for appointments or questions
- **If you are in crisis, [CLICK HERE](#)** for resources



### **University Career Center Drop Ins Cancelled**

- Drop ins are cancelled from November 24th to November 26th due to Thanksgiving Break.
- Drop ins will resume on November 29th.

## Department Events



### **Jamil Niner Student Pantry Donations**

- The Department of Religious Studies is participating in a canned-food drive for the Jamil Niner Student Pantry.
- The Religious Studies Graduate Organization will earn 1 volunteer hour for every 10 cans donated.
- The volunteer hours will be used towards credit for the Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG).
- **There is a bin in the Religious Studies front office for your donations!**



### **Religious Studies Reading/Writing Group**

- David Flaherty, a graduate MA student in Religious Studies, is hosting a reading and writing group.
- Open to undergraduate and graduate students.
- This is a space to help each other edit papers, understand texts, work silently, collaborate on research, and foster a community!
- If you are interested, **the group meets on Mondays from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM via Zoom:**  
<https://uncc.zoom.us/j/93149205675?pwd=UEFob3J2L2lveWR3WkNjQ0kVtCUT09>.
- If you have any questions, you can contact David at [dflaher1@uncc.edu](mailto:dflaher1@uncc.edu).

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.

