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Special Announcements

Welcome Back!

- The Department of Religious Studies is back on campus and providing hybrid services.
 - Please be sure to wear your mask over your mouth and nose within indoor spaces on Charlotte's campus.
 - Reminder: the Add/Drop period for course registration **ended** on August 30, 2021.
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Meet the Social Media Intern

- Hello! My name is Saad Jalisi, and I will be serving as the Social Media Intern for the Department of Religious Studies during the Fall 2021/Spring 2022 school year. You can reach out to me via email: sjalisi@uncc.edu
- I will be managing our first bimonthly newsletter along with our department's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.
- I am majoring in Religious Studies and minoring in Women's and Gender Studies.
- Fun Facts About Me:
 - I sing in Charlotte's only a cappella group, Codachrome.
 - I lived in Karachi, Pakistan for five years.
 - I am a member of the Levine Scholars Program in the Cohort of 2023.

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.

Department/Community Spotlight



Dr. Barbara Thiede - Teaching Professor - Judaic Studies

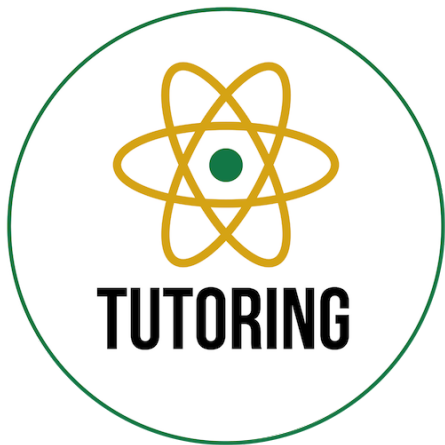
- Please congratulate Dr. Thiede on publishing her new book: *Male Friendship, Homosociality, and Women in the Hebrew Bible: Malignant Fraternities*.
- Her book can be purchased [HERE](#).
- **Summary:** Male alliances, partnerships, and friendships are fundamental to the Hebrew Bible. This book offers a detailed and explicit exploration of the ways in which shared sexual use of women and women's bodies engenders, sustains, and nourishes such relationships in the Hebrew Bible.

Helpful Resources



University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE)

- The University Center for Academic Excellence offers a wide variety of workshops on topics that strengthen students' academic success.
- These highly interactive workshops are led by staff and trained graduate students virtually, on-site and across campus.
- Topics include: Communicating with Your Professor, Study Hacks, Goal Setting, etc.
- More information can be found [here](#).



University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE)

- UCAE Tutorial Services is UNC Charlotte's main course-specific academic support program that serves students through appointment and drop-in tutoring.
- Services are free and available to any enrolled undergraduate student, in any major, in any academic standing.
- More information can be found [here](#).

Community Events

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.