

Religious Studies Newsletter

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Special Announcements

Religious Studies Spring 2022 Courses Are Out Now!

- Log into **MyCharlotte**.
- Select to open **Banner Self Service**.
- Click the **Student Services/Student Accounts** tab.
- Click on **Registration**.
- Select **Look-up Classes to Add**.
- Search by **Spring 2022** term.
- Choose **Religious Studies** and view the details of the departmental Spring 2022 courses.

Pre-Registration Advising Appointments Are Now Available!

- It's time for you to schedule your appointment for Spring 2021 pre-registration.
 - Have a list of courses that you plan to take next semester, even if you aren't quite sure what courses you should take. It's better to have something than nothing.
 - Find your overall earned credit hours on your Unofficial Transcript or Advising Transcript in Banner Self-Service. You must earn at least 120 credit hours to graduate from UNC Charlotte.
 - **Follow this link to schedule your appointment:** <https://uncc.campus.eab.com/home>.
 - **If you are graduating in Fall 2021, there is no need to schedule an appointment.**
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Graduate Students: Submit Your Website Information!

- For graduate students, if you have not already done so, please send in a photo of yourself and a short description of who you are and what you are doing in the Department of Religious Studies.
 - Click [here](#) for examples of graduate students' bios.
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American Academy of Religion Southeastern Regional Conference Will Be Online.

- Given ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 situation, the AAR/SBL-SE board decided the March 11-13, 2022 Regional Conference will be solely online, similar to last year's conference.
- The Call for Papers has now been pushed to October 15, 2021.
- **Please submit your paper proposals [here](#).**
- For updated information about the Regional Conference visit <https://relse.org/>.

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.

Alumna Spotlight



Lindsay Carroll, Religious Studies MA Graduate

- Please meet Lindsay Carroll, an alumna of our department!
- Lindsay pursued her master's degree in Religious Studies as a way to gain in-depth knowledge of Hinduism.
 - She was first introduced to Hinduism through yoga.
- As an artist, the graduate thesis process allowed her to refine her ability to commit to extended creative and scholarly endeavors.
- She learned to explore meaning and symbolism, create organized processes, and communicate ideas effectively.
- For students looking for careers outside of research, she encourages you all to take risks and branch out: **“The skills that you’ve gained certainly won’t be left behind, but instead, will be utilized in a new and creative way.”**

Programming

September 16 • October 7
October 28 • November 18
December 9

**Women of Color
Conversations**

Virtual - Live Chat
3 - 4:30pm

For more information,
please contact Janique Sanders at
jsanders@uncc.edu

OFFICE OF IDENTITY, EQUITY, AND ENGAGEMENT | COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

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.
- These conversations will be held on **October 28th, November 18th, and December 9th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.**
- Register [here](#).

NINER CAREER CHALLENGE

CHANCE TO WIN FREE SPRING 2022 TUITION AND OTHER MONTHLY PRIZES!

August 30 - November 30, 2021

For Details and To Register:
career.charlotte.edu/challenge

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UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

University Career Center Challenge

- Register for the Niner Career Challenge for a chance to win **FREE SPRING 2022 TUITION** and other prizes!
- Engage in services and events that help you prepare for your future.
- Challenge closes **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**
- [Click here for more information](#)

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the Department of Sociology Present: A Fall Learning Series Workshop 2
Sponsored by the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund

Mastering a JEDI Mindset

JEDI: Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
A JEDI Mindset:

- Centered in justice, equity, diversity & inclusion
- Honors the diversity that exists around us
- Understands the importance of being a critical thinker and practitioner

Thursday, October 21 11:30-12:30, via Zoom
[Click here for registration link](#)

Dr. Stephanie Helms Pickett
leadership consultant, author, and motivational speaker

Contact: Jennifer Jones, jsp@charlotte.edu, C&S Area and Social Justice Advocate

Mastering a JEDI Mindset

- In this workshop, undergraduate and graduate students will understand the importance of being critical thinkers.
- You will learn about operating in a mindset centered in justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in an effort to honor the diversity that exists in the world around us.
- October 21, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.**
- Follow this link to register:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNd-Sc8wafr_vCWzpS5zg-ZJ6UXEP5M6KUCbUsVGOjij9wOA/viewform.
- Hosted by Dr. Stephanie Helms Pickett, Associate Vice Provost of Inclusive Excellence and Strategic Practice and Diversity at NC State University.

Helpful Resources

WANT TO QUICKLY CONSULT ON A PERSONAL PROBLEM YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH?

LET'S TALK

CONFIDENTIAL | NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
BRIEF, INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH A CAPS STAFF MEMBER!

Thursdays • 1 - 3 pm • Sept. 2 - Oct. 14
go.charlotte.edu/letstalk

Center for Counseling and Psychological Services

- Let's Talk* is a brief, drop-in, and confidential problem-solving consultation with a CAPS team member.
 - [Click Here for more information!](#)
- Other 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



Sanskrit 2022 Literary Arts Magazine

- Sanskrit is accepting arts submissions for its 2022 Literary Arts Magazine, including
 - Literary Works
 - Poetry
 - Visual Artwork
 - Film Production
 - Music Composition
 - Dance Choreography
- General requirements for submission: include a cover letter introducing yourself, containing a 30-70 word autobiographical statement written in third person.
- Include your contact information (name, address, phone number, email) word count, and title/page number on every page of the manuscript or poem.
- **Entry deadline is November 5, 2021.**
- Submit your work [here](#).



Resident Advisor Application

- Resident Advisor (RA) applications are open!
- RAs are part-time paraprofessional staff members of the Department of Housing and Residence Life who live in an assigned residential hall/area.
- RAs spend significant time getting to know their residents, building relationships with and among their residents, and serving as a positive peer leader.
- RAs also must enforce community standards and University policies to maintain inclusive residential communities.
- Most importantly, RAs work hard to foster communities that are welcoming and conducive to living and learning.
- RAs are selected for their leadership potential, interpersonal abilities, positive and caring attitudes, and sense of responsibility.
- **Application deadline is October 17, 2021.**
- Start and submit your application [here](#).

Department Events



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=UEFob3J2L2lveWR3WkNlQ0lkVitCUT09>.
- If you have any questions, you can contact David at dflahe1@uncc.edu.



Religious Studies Scavenger Hunt

- The Department of Religious Studies will be continuing its scavenger hunt!
- Each week will feature different themed challenges beginning on Mondays.
- Small prizes will be offered on Fridays with a midweek bonus.
- At the end of the semester, the person with the most challenges completed will win a Mystery Grand Prize!
- Keep your eye open for more information regarding this event, and check our Instagram page.

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.