

Meet some of our faculty

Dr. Jonathan Geen

Professor Geen teaches courses on religion in India, China and Japan. His research focuses on the intersection between medieval Hindu and Jain mythology. He has published numerous articles on this topic.



Dr. Chaya Halberstam

Professor Halberstam focuses on ancient Judaism, particularly rabbinic Judaism. She is the author of "Law and Truth in Biblical and Rabbinic Literature" (2010).



Dr. Mark Yenson

Professor Yenson's research focuses on the history of early Christian thought and modern Catholic theology. He is also interested in Christianity and the arts. He teaches Introduction to Catholic Christianity and The Christian Tradition among others.



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Department of Religious Studies

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Why study Religious Studies at King's?

Religious studies is the multi-disciplinary study of religious beliefs, behaviours and institutions.

It describes, compares, interprets and explains religion, emphasizing systematic, historically based and cross-cultural perspectives.

The study of religion helps us to understand cultural values and respond to the diversity that is found in our communities, Canadian public life, and international relations.

Graduates of Religious Studies go on to teaching, higher education, law, journalism, social work and many other career paths.



What alumni have to say

"In academic and experiential settings, Catholic Studies at King's has taught me how to grapple with, and critically respond to, the history and culture of what is considered sacred."

Chanelle Robinson '15

Programs Offered

Catholic Studies

Catholic Studies provides a strong foundation in the Catholic intellectual tradition, and a solid preparation for students who want to teach Religious Education in Catholic schools or pursue higher degrees in Theology or Religious Studies.

Catholic Studies for Teachers

The Catholic Studies for Teachers program prepares students to teach in the Catholic school system.

This program includes guaranteed admission to Western's Faculty of Education to complete a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree.

Students will complete placements in Catholic schools in the classroom and in other parts of the school (such as the library, special education).

World Religions and Cultures

Understanding the world's religious traditions is more important than ever in an increasingly multicultural environment.

King's offers courses in

- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Middle East Studies
- Various comparative, thematic courses

Experiential Learning

Rome and the Christian Tradition

Experience first-hand the ancient history, art and spiritual heritage of Rome.

- 8 days exploring Rome over reading week
- Excursion to the mediaeval city of Assisi
- Guided tours of the Vatican and other sites by Religious Studies faculty, local archaeologists, and art historians

Inculturation and Spirituality

Visit Pine Channel and Fond-du-Lac in Canada's remote north.

This annual journey allows students to engage with the Denesuline (Dene) indigenous community.

Students will participate in community service and dialogue as they learn about Dene traditions and spirituality.

