

CERTIFICATE IN WORLD PHILOSOPHIES AND RELIGIONS

The Certificate in World Philosophies and Religions is open to students in any major or minor. It offers a broad education in philosophical and religious perspectives from around the world. Students will develop expertise in the philosophical interpretation and evaluation of religious and non-religious doctrines that have arisen in many times and places, reflecting the broadening of academic philosophy in the U.S. beyond its European roots.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Analyze the differences among a variety of philosophical traditions, and explain the claims and assumptions made within them.
2. Extract, analyze, and reconstruct arguments from major non-Western philosophical texts.
3. Explain the application of basic philosophical concepts and principles that occur within a variety of philosophical traditions.
4. Assess challenges to and conflicts within a variety of different philosophical frameworks.
5. Demonstrate skills in written and oral presentation, engaging in fruitful oral discussion, debate, and formal presentations that are logically coherent, clearly and concisely stated, and accessible to their peers on topics from within these philosophical traditions.