

Directed Studies

The Program in Religion offers RELI 4840 Tutorial in the Study of Religion. This 0.5 credit requires fourth-year standing in the Honours B.A. in Religion or permission of the department. This course enables students to do directed study of a particular topic under the supervision of a Religion faculty member with expertise in the area of the topic. There are a few points to note here:

- Generally speaking, all departments encourage and prefer students to take regularly scheduled classes. Directed studies tutorials are exceptional and are ordinarily only for students with higher grades who have demonstrated their skills and ability to pursue their own project.
- A student wanting to take this Tutorial needs to formulate a project that they are strongly interested in and one that also falls within the purview of one of our faculty members. Students are welcome to discuss their preliminary ideas with the program Coordinator and/or a Religion faculty member who works in the area of your interest. Any student wishing to pursue this tutorial credit is strongly encouraged to initiate conversations with the Religion Coordinator and potential supervisors well before the start of term: i.e. in the semester preceding the one in which they wish to do it.
- Permission to do the directed studies Tutorial is not automatic; it is contingent upon there being a faculty member available and willing to supervise.
- Students must sign with the supervisor a Tutorial Approval Form akin to a contract specifying the frequency during the term they will meet (typically weekly or every other week) and the length and number of written assignments and papers -- with submission deadlines. Evaluation is typically based on: quality of engagement and discussion with the faculty member; a detailed paper proposal and/or annotated bibliography; a substantial final paper. Some supervisors ask for an initial paper surveying the broader parameters and literature of the general topic followed by a final paper zeroing in on the more detailed and focused topic.