



# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

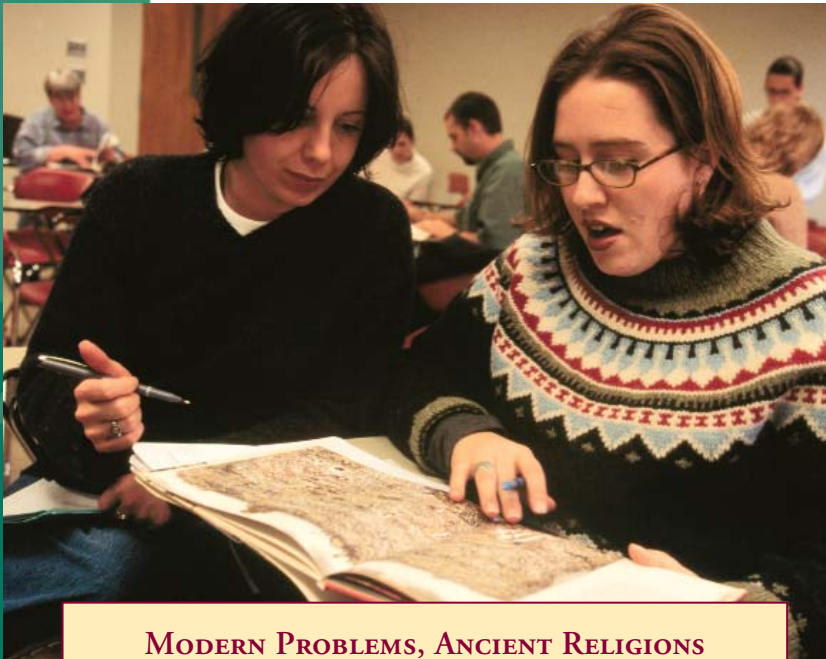
*Be part of something great—the University of Minnesota*

## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

*Are you captivated by movies like “The Matrix” and books like “The DaVinci Code”? Do you enjoy discussing topics such as morality or creationism? In a diverse and ever-changing world, graduates with degrees in philosophy and religious studies contribute their knowledge to educational, governmental, and religious organizations on a daily basis. The University of Minnesota offers great academics, great opportunities, and a great location to students interested in philosophy and religious studies.*

### Great Academics

As a freshman, you'll join our thriving academic community through one of seven freshman-admitting colleges. Each college contains a wide range of majors. Students interested in religious studies and philosophy study in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA).



#### MODERN PROBLEMS, ANCIENT RELIGIONS

CLA's religious studies program applies research of ancient religions to invoke meaningful conversations about today's world. "In teaching about religion—about the values of religion and how to think critically and intellectually through religion—you encourage students to evaluate some of the basic assumptions about our culture," says Bernard Levinson, the Berman Faculty Chair in Jewish Studies and Hebrew Bible. "People often come to understand, through the study of religion, that they have entered this world to make a contribution and make it a better place."

Students, staff, and faculty in the religious studies program work to enhance our world by teaching the importance of diversity. "Our general approach is that we teach with an enormous amount of respect and with the expectation that our students, whatever their faith backgrounds, will engage in a serious and respectful discussion of religion," says William Malandra, professor of Classical and Near Eastern Studies.

### Philosophy

*Areas of study and research:*

- Aesthetics
- Applied Ethics
- Feminist Philosophy
- History of Philosophy
- Logic, Philosophy of Logic, and Philosophy of Mathematics
- Metaphysics and Epistemology
- Moral and Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Mind and Psychology
- Philosophy of Science

### Religious Studies

*Areas of study and research:*

- Ancient Philosophy
- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Classical Paganism
- Judaism
- Islam





## CAREER AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

What can you do with a major in philosophy and religious studies? Career options for philosophy and religious studies students include:

- Admissions Representative (Higher education)
- Advertising Coordinator
- Advisor (Higher education)
- Archivist
- Attorney
- Chaplain (Home care)
- High School Teacher
- Librarian
- Professor
- Religious Activities and Education Director
- Reporter

Internships allow you to experiment with different career paths and gain valuable experiences prior to graduation. Contact the Career and Community Learning Center for philosophy and religious studies internship opportunities.

## Great Opportunities

### Study Abroad

To prepare you for life in a global society, the U of M actively encourages studying abroad. Working or learning in a foreign country will build your skills, confidence, and cultural awareness as you enter a diverse working world. Imagine studying Renaissance figures in Florence or ethics in Amsterdam. The Learning Abroad Center offers more than 300 programs in 67 countries, from Nepal or Tanzania to Australia or Mexico.

### Freshman Seminars

Designed to enhance your first-year experience, Freshman Seminars are an incredible way to begin your academic career at the University of Minnesota. You'll learn from some of our most distinguished faculty, while getting to know other first-year students who share your interests. Recent topics include *Silencing the Gods: The Divine and Human in the Hebrew Bible*; *The Ancient Near East, Who Told you This?*; and *Thinking Things Through, Reading and Writing in the Ancient World*

### Mentor Program

The mentor-student partnership brings a "real-world" perspective to your academic program. You'll learn from seasoned professionals and experience hands-on applications of a philosophy or religious studies major. Participants often get an inside view of Twin Cities organizations.

### Research Opportunities

Imagine participating in a research program with world-class experts, and getting paid to do it! As a student in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) you'll conduct paid research or pursue special projects beyond your regular courses. A distinguished CLA faculty member will guide you through the research process.



## Campus Involvement

Even in the midst of an electric Big Ten atmosphere, the University of Minnesota has an intimate student community. It's easy to get involved here; we have more than 600 student organizations where you can connect with other students who share your interests. Check out the following groups:

- Equality for Masculinity and Femininity
- Islamic Discussion Group
- Objectivism Discussion Group
- Religious Studies Forum
- Student Philosophical Association at the University of Minnesota
- University Spirituality and Culture
- Women's Forum at the University of Minnesota
- Women's Student Activist Collective



## Great Location

Consistently ranked among America's most livable communities, the Twin Cities provide an exciting and comfortable home to University of Minnesota students. Minneapolis and St. Paul are international centers for business, agribusiness, medicine, technology, media, and the performing arts.

*"There are few places in the world where one can come upon the intersection where diversity of human characteristics intersects freedom of thought and expression. The University of Minnesota is located firmly in this intersection – owing its vibrancy to the collision of world views."*

-Avelino Mills-Novoa, Ph.D.  
Associate Vice President  
Multicultural and Academic Affairs

## MEET US IN PERSON!

Like what you see so far? Come meet us in person! There's no better way to learn about the University of Minnesota. As you tour our breathtaking Twin Cities campus and meet our friendly staff and students, you'll see for yourself why the U of M is the perfect place to study philosophy or religion. We'd be happy to customize your visit to your interests. Schedule your visit today!

Online: <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/visit>  
By phone: 800-752-1000 or 612-625-0000

Curious about student life? Check out Gopher Blog at <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/blog>

## CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE!

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231 Pillsbury Drive S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0213  
phone: 612-625-2008 or 800-752-1000  
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<http://admissions.tc.umn.edu>

### Freshman Admission Welcome Center

200 Jones Hall  
27 Pleasant Street S.E.

### Transfer and International Admissions Welcome Center

240 Williamson Hall  
231 Pillsbury Drive S.E.

