ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT
Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religion. A minor is also available. Students may pair their Religion major with any manner of minors from the natural to social sciences and vice versa. The academic study of religion at Berea College describes and analyzes the diversity of religious experience, traditions, communities, and issues, through historical, cultural, and normative approaches.

As a result of the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary character of religious studies, the Religion Department cross-lists many courses in this field of study in several other academic areas of the College's curriculum including African and African-American Studies, Asian Studies, History, Peace and Social Justice Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS
- Students gain teaching experience as Teaching Assistants for the Religion department through the work program.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES
Berea Religion graduates find employment or continue their studies in a wide variety of fields and occupations, including:
- Clergy/Ministry of various kinds
- Social Worker
- Teaching
- Non-Profit administration
- Lawyer

“I value the Religion major largely for the depth of understanding that it gives me about not only my own beliefs, but that of other disciplines as well. It teaches one how to tackle and answer questions that sometimes seem impossible to answer.”

Samantha Drew
WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern workplace.

“People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today’s workplace.”

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies

80 percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

#1 Berea College’s ranking as “Best Liberal Arts College” by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75 percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90 percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.