Religious Studies Honors Option

**What is REL Honors?**
Starting in the fall of 2016, REL will offer an Honors Option for interested students. This option grants students the opportunity for further engagement and culminates in the writing of an honors thesis.

**Who can enroll?**
Any student who is majoring in Religious Studies and who has at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and at least a 3.5 GPA within the major may apply for admission to REL Honors.

**What does it involve?**
This option requires two classes. The first is any 400-level seminar that the student designates as his or her Honors Seminar. Next is REL 400: Honors Thesis, where the student writes a 25-35 page article-length paper.

---

**Honors Timeline**

**Fall Junior Year**
- Apply in writing for the Honors Option with the REL Advisor, with a memo from your prospective REL faculty supervisor.

**Spring Junior Year**
- Take a course to serve as your Honors Seminar.
- Complete an abstract and reading list for your thesis by the course’s end.

**Fall Senior Year**
- REL 400 Honors Thesis, in which you write your thesis.
- You will defend your thesis at the end of the semester.

---

For further information, talk to the REL Advisor Dr. Mike Altman, or ask any REL professor.