

EARN AN M.A. IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM DISTINCTIVE?

The **M.A. in Religion in Culture** at The University of Alabama uses social theory to understand society and human interactions, moving beyond the descriptive and comparative approaches commonly found within religious studies. **Social theory** analyzes the effects that narratives, practices, classification systems, and institutional structures have on social groups and their members. Its combination of analytical approaches enriches research on communities defined as religious and enables students to ask new questions about practices and societies more broadly. We combine this emphasis on social theory with **innovative technologies** that facilitate analysis of texts and empowers students to communicate their findings to wide audiences.



Dr. Steven Ramey
Graduate Director

In our program, you'll have opportunities to gain...

- academic and technical **writing skills** that will be useful in both post-graduate and professional contexts
- analytical proficiencies through working with nationally and internationally recognized scholars in areas of social theory as applied to the academic study of religion
- skills in technology (including a **Digital Humanities** certificate that will increase competitiveness for a wide variety of job opportunities and professional settings)
- **teaching strategies** for both the lecture classroom and online courses (including an additional certificate in online pedagogy from UA's College of Continuing Studies)
- **grant-writing skills** that apply to a variety of academic and professional settings
- **internship experiences** that draw on social theory and digital skills in multiple settings within and outside the university

Career Opportunities

Our M.A. program prepares students for multiple career paths. Drawing on their experiences in research, publishing, digital tools, teaching, & grant writing, graduates are prepared to pursue continued academic work at **top-tier Ph.D. programs** . They are also prepared to seek job opportunities in both business and non-profit sectors. The **practical skills** that this program develops through its focus on **public scholarship**, critical analysis using social theory, and digital technology are broadly applicable and highly marketable.

For more information, contact our Graduate Director at steven.ramey@ua.edu.