

Religious Studies



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Dive deeply into the Bible, explore the history of Christian traditions around the world, and learn about major world religions – all from a thoughtfully evangelical Christian perspective. Experience the Middle East, Europe, and India with your professors on a study-abroad program and put your education to work in practicum courses in churches, parachurch organizations, and more in Santa Barbara and at Westmont in San Francisco. Find your place in the millennia-old traditions of the Christian faith.

SELECTED COURSES

- Biblical Hebrew and Greek
- Pentateuch
- Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament
- Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context
- Jesus and the Gospels
- Paul and his Legacy
- Early and Medieval Christianity
- Reformation and Modern Christianity
- Theology
- Missiology
- World Religions
- Internship

CAREER PATHS

- Christian counseling, clinical counseling, spiritual direction
- Foreign and domestic missions
- Journalism and the arts
- Marketing and management
- Medicine (including physical therapy), medical missions
- Music, sacred music, worship leadership
- Nonprofit organizations, NGOs, Peace Corps
- Pastoring, youth ministry
- Social work, occupational therapy
- Teaching (secondary school, undergraduate, postgraduate)
- Law and legal professions



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



HOLLY BEERS, PH.D.

A biblical scholar who addresses the ways the New Testament uses and interprets the Old Testament



CHARLES FARHADIAN, PH.D.

Studying world religions and Christian mission takes him to Southeast Asia and the Pacific



BILL NELSON, PH.D.

A Baptist pastor and retired Air National Guard chaplain who teaches Old Testament and Hebrew



CARYN REEDER, PH.D.

A New Testament scholar who studies the family and violence in the Bible and biblical worlds



HELEN RHEE, PH.D.

Church historian who examines early Christian attitudes and practices regarding wealth and poverty



SANDRA RICHTER, PH.D.

Brings Old Testament characters to life by exploring their world



TELFORD WORK, PH.D.

A theologian who trains students to think like Christians



SAMEER YADAV, PH.D.

An interdisciplinary theologian who studies mysticism, religious experience and race in Christian life and thought.



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont in Jerusalem
- Westmont in San Francisco

ALUMNI

After graduating from Westmont, **Kat Burgett '11** completed a Master of Divinity and spent a year on staff at a church in South Africa. She is working toward a doctorate in New Testament at Duke University.

Lindsey DeWilde Muthiah '17 has been working at a local non-profit organization and will be heading to the University of Chicago for its Masters in Social Work Program this fall.

Wesley Simmonds '18 will pursue a Master of Divinity at Duke Divinity School (on full scholarship) this fall.



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