

# Religion & Ancient History and Archaeology Joint Honors (TR117)



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## Why Study Religion & Ancient History and Archaeology?

This Joint Honors combination is concerned with ancient history and archaeology as related to religion, society, and politics. In this degree you will study ancient Hellenistic and Jewish cultures, the origins of Christianity within these contexts, and how artefacts, material culture and manuscripts offer windows into ancient cultures that continue to shape our world.

Topics include archaeological discoveries in the Judean Wilderness and Palestine broadly as well as Jewish and Christian religious traditions in ancient Greece, Rome, Syria and Egypt. Archaeology and material culture will inform the relationship of religion to gender, politics and power in the student's understanding of ancient Mediterranean.



“This area of study is one of the most relevant fields in academia and something many people know something about, but so few really understand. From ancient biblical languages to questions about ethics, this subject offers breadth in ways few others do. There are no limits as to where I can go with this degree.”

*Katie Brown, BA (Hons) in Religion graduate, 2018.*

**Learn** about the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls for the Bible, ancient Judaism and Christianity.

**Investigate** archaeological strata that hold clues to the relationship of religion to conflict and peace.

**Study** the history of the holy city of Jerusalem.