

Studies of Religion

Religion is an integral part of human experience and a component of every culture. In Australia today, an appreciation of the multicultural nature of society is limited without an adequate understanding of religion, its influence on human behaviour and its interactions within a culture. Studies of Religion explores the diversity of religious expression and experience and can provide students with the opportunity to increase their awareness, appreciation of and respect for the cultural diversity that exists within our Australian society. The syllabus is based on an understanding of religion as a distinctive answer to the human need for meaning in life. Studies of Religion allows students to critically examine the role religion plays in enabling believers to make sense of human existence and the significance of religious beliefs on individuals and their communities.

Studies of Religion I (1 Unit – Compressed Curriculum)

This is an exciting opportunity available to students who would like to complete an HSC unit during Year 11 and it is particularly fitting for students who intend to study an Extension unit in Year 12. Students complete both the Preliminary and HSC content in 3 terms and will sit their HSC exam for this subject in 2023. This can give students much needed HSC examination experience, free up their timetable in their final year to focus on major works and other core subjects. The syllabus contains material common with the 2 unit course, however, approximately half of the content is covered.

Preliminary (Term 1 & 2)	HSC (Term 3 & 4)
Nature of Religion and Beliefs	Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945
Religious Tradition Study 1 & 2	Religious Tradition Depth Study 1 & 2

See the NESA Studies of Religion syllabus on the website below for more information.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/studies-of-religion-1>

Note: Studies of Religion 1 is available to students who are taking an Extension subject in English or Mathematics.