



## **Atlanta Metropolitan State College Offers New Religious Studies Certificate**

In response to community demand, Atlanta Metropolitan State College is pleased to announce a Religious Studies Certificate program. This program is designed to provide a broad-based, foundational education to those persons involved in ministry or interested in pursuing further studies in religion or other areas. This one-year cohort program requires a total of eighteen credit hours of coursework.

A certificate in religious studies can prepare students for many career opportunities, including ministry work (serving on church staff as a pastor or director of religious education) or teaching religion at the postsecondary level after completing further studies. The average pay for pastors in Atlanta, Georgia, is approximately \$93,828 and for religious education directors \$61,837 as of September 2018 (salary.com). Further, there is an 8.2% expected job growth rate nationally for clergy, based on a 10-year growth projection (datausa.io).

In addition to traditional ministerial careers, a foundation in religious studies can provide excellent supplemental training for those working in counseling, social work, education, crisis services, business management, healthcare and medicine, journalism, and more.

Courses offered as part of the Religious Studies Certificate include the following.

- RELI 2201--Introduction to Religious Studies
- RELI 2210--Survey of Christian History
- RELI 2211--Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Literature
- RELI 2212--New Testament Literature
- RELI 2221--Introduction to Pastoral Ministry
- RELI 2222--Introduction to Preaching
- RELI 2223--Introduction to Christian Worship
- RELI 2300--Introduction to Theological Studies
- RELI 2301--Eastern Religions and Spirituality
- RELI 2302--Islam
- RELI 2310--Religion in the United States
- PHIL 2300--Philosophy of Religion

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### **ABOUT ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE**

*Founded in 1974, Atlanta Metropolitan State College – a four-year institution located in the heart of Atlanta, Georgia – boasts the highest graduation rate in the University System of Georgia for the associate degree. Four-year and two-year degrees, as well as some certificates, are offered in 42 programs of study, including business, mathematics, and computer science; humanities and fine arts; natural sciences and social sciences. Atlanta Metro serves the needs of students through a traditional day program, a Morning, Evening, and Weekend College, and online. In 2019, the college will celebrate 45 triumphant years of academic excellence. For more information, please visit: [atlm.edu](http://atlm.edu).*