What and where

Join Memorial’s religious studies department for two undergraduate courses that combine classroom lectures with field visits.

Not only a beautiful historic city, Bordeaux is situated in a spectacular region in France, rich with religio-political history.

The aim of the field school, French Religion and Culture in Context, is to undertake a combination of intensive classroom time in the mornings with field visits in the afternoons.

We will visit local sites, take daytrips in the region, and experience a three-day trip to Paris. Highlights include basilicas, cathedrals, museums and chateaux.

In the region:
- Arachon
- Lascaux prehistorica caves
- Zen Plum villages
- Lourdes

In Paris:
- Notre Dame cathedral
- Versailles or the Louvre
- Orsay museum
- Modern Arab Institute
- Museum of Jewish Art and History
- Innumerable other religious/historical monuments en route!

When in Bordeaux, we will stay in Residence Victoire in the downtown core.

For more information:
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www.mun.ca/relstudies/programs/undergraduate/bordeaux.php

Am I eligible?

The program is open to all HSS students in good academic standing. Preference will be given to religious studies students. No prerequisites for courses.

Proposed costs
- $1270 program costs (includes accommodation and excursions)
- $1300 economy airfare (students to book their own tickets)
- $570 meals (break/lunch and dinner for 29 days)
- $510 course registration (two courses)
- ? (books, passport, additional travel, insurance)

Total: Approx. $3650 (Cdn.)
Courses offered

Students participating in the Field School will be expected to enroll in the two following courses:

**Religious Studies 2350 - Religious Institutions**

This course examines French social institutions historically and contemporarily and how they shape religiosity in the public sphere, from those that are formally organized, such as schools, courts and hospitals, to those that do not have a fixed organization structure. The course combines lecture, small group discussion and field visits to relevant religious sites.

**Religious Studies 3058 - Topics in French Religion and Politics**

The course follows a shift from a Christendom regime model, through the Enlightenment and the Revolution, which set the stage for the emergence of the distinct brand of French secularism or laïcité. We will focus broadly on what some scholars label the “French lurch into modernity”—the years leading up to and following the Algerian War to the present day — to trace changing conceptions of and the emerging relationships between nationalism, post-colonialism, immigration, gender, industrialization, religion and secularization. Finally, we briefly consider contemporary Judaism and consider contemporary debates related to Muslims and New Religious Movements and the French political and legal responses and restrictions that have followed suit.