

STETSON UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

POSITION: Lecturer of Religious Studies

Stetson University seeks a Lecturer of Religious Studies in either Asian or Islamic religious traditions for the Fall 2026 semester (August to December); historical and geographical focus are open. This is a full-time position for one semester only.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Ph.D. by August 2026 is preferred, although exceptionally qualified candidates who are ABD will be considered. The successful candidate will have active engagement in the discipline and demonstrated excellence in teaching undergraduates.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The teaching load for the semester will be four courses, including both introductory and intermediate/upper-level courses. For more information on our expectations in teaching and scholarship, our tenure policies, and our support for faculty development, please see the Academic Affairs website at <https://www.stetson.edu/administration/provost/prospective-faculty/index.php>.

THE DEPARTMENT:

The Department of Religious Studies (<https://www.stetson.edu/artsci/religion/>) offers a major and minor in Religious Studies and comprises faculty committed to excellence in undergraduate teaching and to significant student/faculty interaction. Focusing exclusively on undergraduate education, the Department defines its mission as helping students explore the role of religion in shaping human cultures through studies of sacred texts, languages, ethics, beliefs, rituals, spiritual methods, and the history of religious traditions. The Department has five full-time faculty.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.stetson.edu/artsci>) is the largest and most diverse of the University's colleges and schools; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. With nineteen academic departments and nine interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 140 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers 31 undergraduate majors and 34 undergraduate minors; seven graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, allowing students the opportunity to design and carry out independent research under faculty mentorship. Our academic programs are shaped by the values of social justice and civic responsibility. All of our courses and programs of study promote engaged learning, whereby students create connections between the classroom or lab and the local, regional, and global community. The academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students to live significant lives, to interact with and positively affect the world around them.

THE UNIVERSITY:

Founded in 1883, Stetson University (<http://www.stetson.edu>) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with nearly 3,800 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls approximately 2,400 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1945, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs based at the main campus in DeLand include Business, Accounting, Education, Counseling, and Creative Writing, with Educational Leadership cohorts also offered at the Gulfport campus. Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

THE COMMUNITY:

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 38,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

SALARY: Salary is competitive.

STARTING DATE: August 10, 2026.

APPLICATION:

Applicants should supply: 1) a cover letter of no more than two pages summarizing the candidate's interest in and qualifications for the position; 2) a curriculum vitae including the names of three references who can speak to the candidate's teaching ability/potential; 3) a statement (also of no more than two pages) of the candidate's teaching philosophy. In the statement of teaching philosophy, candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to promoting inclusive academic environments and engaging across differences.

Application materials may be submitted electronically to the Department of Religious Studies at religiousstudies@stetson.edu with the subject, Lecturer Position. For questions, please contact department chair, Sam Houston, Ph.D. (jhouston1@stetson.edu).

Review of applications will begin on April 10 and continue until the position is filled.

Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms inclusive environments and engaging across differences as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from a tapestry of diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in an increasingly diverse society and a globalized world. We encourage qualified candidates across all backgrounds and identities to apply for employment, including members of historically underrepresented groups. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.