

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

Requirements for a Major in Religious Studies

Bachelor of Arts

Must Complete 33 hours of work in religious students or related subjects and at least 24 hours must be taken in the department.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
RELS 205	Introduction to Religion (preferably in first or second year)	3
RELS 401	Religious Studies Capstone (spring of senior year) ¹	3
Select at least six hours from each Area of Emphasis:		18
Biblical Studies (p. 1)		
World's Religious Traditions (p. 1)		
Religion and Culture (p. 1)		
Select three additional RELS courses		9
Total Hours		33

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Those minoring in education may take RELS 401 Religious Studies Capstone in the spring of their junior year.

Areas of Emphasis

Biblical Studies Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 111	Biblical Hebrew	3
RELS 112	Biblical Hebrew	3
RELS 211	The Hebrew Bible:History and Literature	3
RELS 212	The New Testament:History and Literature	3
RELS 213	Life and Teaching of Jesus	3
RELS 214	Life and Letter of Paul	3
RELS 215	The Bible and Film	3
RELS 217	The Bible in America	3
RELS 273	Women in the Bible	3
RELS 311	Prophecy in Ancient Israel	3
RELS 312	Biblical Short Stories	3
RELS 323	The Book of Revelation	3
GREK 346	Greek New Testament	3

The World's Religious Traditions Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 221	World Religions:Indian, Buddhist, Chinese, Japanese	3
RELS 222	World Religions:Judaic, Christian, Islamic	3
RELS 223	Hinduism:History, Teachings, Practice	3
RELS 225	Buddhism:History, Teachings, Practice	3
RELS 227	Islam	3
RELS 228	New Religious Movements	3
RELS 229	Native American Religions	3
RELS 230	Judaism	3
RELS 231	Christianity	3

RELS/CLAS 242	Archaeology of Israel	3
RELS 246	Jewish and Christian Identities in Ancient Israel/Palestine	3
RELS 247	Jewish and Christian Identities in Today's Israel/Palestine	3
RELS 248	Religions on Japan:Land of Kami, Land of Buddhas	3
RELS 335	History of Christianity from the Early Church to the Protestant Reformation	3
RELS 336	History of Christianity from the Protestant Reformation to Present	3
HONR 110	Japanese Religion	3

Religion and Culture Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 235	Religious Ethics	3
RELS 237	Christian Ethics	3
RELS 251	The Holocaust	3
RELS 260	Religions and the Natural Environment	3
RELS 262	Religion and Science	3
RELS 264	Religion and Literature	3
RELS 271	Women and Religion	3
RELS 274	Women and Christianity	3
RELS 275	Liberation Theology	3
RELS 280	Religion in America	3
RELS 282	African-American Religion	3
RELS 341	Contemporary Theology and Ethics	3
RELS 343	Civil Religion and Public Theology	3
RELS 384	Contemporary American Religion	3
HONR 115	Theology of Martin Luther King Jr	3
HONR 289	Religion & the Founding Fathers	3

Courses for which no area is specified

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 205	Introduction to Religion	3
RELS 401	Religious Studies Capstone	3
RELS 450	Internship	3
RELS 481/482	Special Topics	3
RELS 491/492	Independent Study	3
RELS 496/497/498	Senior Project	3