



COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Four-Year Curriculum for Religious Studies

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts with a major in Religious Studies

Total Credits Required: To obtain this undergraduate degree, the student must fulfill the requirements of the University Core Curriculum, the requirements for the program major and complete a minimum of 120 credit hours.

*This is a sample sequence of course offerings for students enrolled in Fall 2025 or later. Classes may not be offered in this exact order. Please consult your advisor prior to registration. **

Year 1 – Fall

RELS 2001

Core: A2: English

Core: B1: Math

Core or Electives

Course Title

The Study of Religions

Credits

3

3

3

6--9

Year 1 - Winter

RELS 2XXX

Core or Electives

Course Title

Choose one Social Justice course.

Credits

3

12-15

Year 2 - Fall

RELS 2XXX

RELS 2XXX

Core or Electives

Course Title

Choose one Intercultural Studies course.

Choose one Comparative Theology course.

Credits

3

3

9--12

Year 2 - Winter

RELS 2XXX

Core or Electives

Course Title

Elective

Credits

3

12--15

Year 3 - Fall

RELS 3XXX/4XXX

Core or Electives

Course Title

Elective

Credits

3

12--15

Year 3 - Winter	Course Title	Credits
<u>RELS 3XXX/4XXX</u>	Elective	3
Core or Electives		12--15

Year 4 - Fall	Course Title	Credits
<u>RELS 3XXX/4XXX</u>	Elective	3
Core or Electives		12--15

Year 4 - Winter	Course Title	Credits
<u>RELS 3XXX/4XXX</u>	Elective	3
<u>RELS 3XXX/4XXX</u>	Elective	3
Core or Electives		9--12

Total credit hours - 120

Notes:

*Students have flexibility in the selection of Core Curriculum courses based on the university class schedule.

Program Electives - 6 courses (18 credits)

Select an additional 18 credits (6 courses) from any of the focus areas above. **PHL 3030** Philosophy of God (3 credits), **PHL 3040** Aquinas: First University Masterpieces (3 credits) or any three-credit **CAS** 2000/3000-level course may also be used. **At least 15 credits must be at the 3000/4000 level.**

Religious Studies majors are required to earn 30 credit hours in the field. At least 15 credits (5 courses) must be earned in upper level courses (3000/4000 level).

To provide a foundation for this major, all students must take **RELS 2001** The Study of Religions (3 credits) and one course in each of the three focus areas below. The remaining 18 credits (6 courses) for this major allow the student flexibility to pursue one or more of these focus areas in greater depth.

Near the end of their senior year, majors are also required to submit a portfolio of exams and papers which, in their judgment, give evidence of their knowledge of the field, their skills of research and expression and their personal appropriation of the materials they have covered. No additional grades are given for the portfolios. Their purpose is to assist the department in advising students and assessing the overall effectiveness of the program.

Advising

Students must meet with their academic advisor each semester to have their advising hold removed. This meeting is required in order to register for classes for the upcoming term.