

Religious Studies

Bachelor of Arts

The Religious Studies Program will teach students to think profoundly and communicate clearly about societal issues and existential human questions through research, reading, writing and discussion. Students will develop a mature understanding of Judeo-Christian traditions and a deep appreciation for other major religions.

Career Options:

- Clergy
- Family Counseling
- Youth Director
- Missionary
- Writer
- Non-Profit Organization
- Teacher

Major Requirements:

A minimum of 30 semester hours in Religion courses including:

(3 semester hours) Introduction to Religion Religious Worlds Seminar in Religion and Philosophy	(3 semester hours) Religion in United States Culture Church History I or Church History II
(3 semester hours) Old Testament New Testament Studies in Biblical Life and Thought Contemporary Christian Thought	(3 semester hours) Contemporary Moral Issues or Christian Ethics Religions of the East Indigenous Religions of the Americas

Appropriate group and independent studies may be substituted for courses in each area.

Minor Requirements:

Introduction to Religion or Religious Worlds
Old Testament or New Testament
Religions of the East

*Religion electives may be chosen from any three upper-level Religion courses.
(9 semester hours)*

Additional Information:

Additional coursework may be required for admission into a specific school's program and entry into professional school may require a specific number of hours in related volunteer work.

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BA Undergraduate Plan

General Education Requirements

I. Interdisciplinary Requirements	Credits	IV. Humanities Courses	Credits
Ethics	3	Religion	3
International Studies	3	English Composition	6
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Total Hours	6	Art, Music or Entertainment/Theatre	3
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II. Science Courses	Credits	Total Hours	15
Mathematics	3	TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS	41
Biology, including lab	4		
Physics, Earth Science or Chemistry, incl. lab	4		
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Total Hours	11		
III. Social Science Courses	Credits		
History, Political Science	3		
Communication, Economics, Geography or Criminal Justice	3		
Psychology or Sociology	3		
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Total Hours	9		

Unless otherwise specified, transferred credits may be used to fulfill the general requirements at the Registrar's discretion.

Major Requirements

Minimum of 30 semester hours in Religion courses, including:

	Credits		Credits
(3 semester hours)		(3 semester hours)	
REL 101 Introduction to Religion	3	HIS 309 Religion in United States Culture	3
or REL 115 Religious Worlds	3	HIS 325 Church History I	3
REL 427 Seminar in Religion and Philosophy	3	or HIS 326 Church History II	3
(3 semester hours)		(3 semester hours)	
REL 201 Old Testament	3	REL 340 Contemporary Moral Issues	3
REL 202 New Testament	3	or REL 401 Christian Ethics	3
REL 320 Studies in Biblical Life and Thought	3	REL 220 Religions of the East	3
or REL 402 Contemporary Christian Thought	3	REL 235 Indigenous Religions of the Americas	3

General Graduation Guidelines:

Total of 120 semester hours, 39 of which must be numbered 300 or 400.

(Other programs may require coursework beyond 120 semester hours.)

At least 9 semester hours of courses designated as writing intensive.

A declared major.

A cumulative GPA average of C (2.00) and at least a C average in the graduation major.