

# Religious Studies, BA

## Academic Plans

### Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

**Before the fifth semester begins:** one or two courses in the major.

**Before the seventh semester begins:** three to six courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

**Before the eighth semester begins:** five to seven courses in the major.

**During the eighth semester:** enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

### Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability <sup>a</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Major: core area course <sup>b, c</sup>		3
ENGL:1200	Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
or RHET:1030	or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society <sup>d</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Major: core area course <sup>b, c</sup>		3
ENGL:1200	Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
or RHET:1030	or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>d</sup>		4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Major: core area course <sup>b, c</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning <sup>d</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level		4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course <sup>f</sup>		

Elective course <sup>e</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>	3

**Hours 16-17**

#### Spring

Major: core area course <sup>b, c</sup> 3

GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues <sup>d</sup> 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level 4 - 5

Proficiency or elective course <sup>f</sup>

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

**Hours 16-17**

#### Third Year

##### Fall

Major: core area course <sup>b, c</sup> 3

Major: religious studies course <sup>g</sup> 3

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab <sup>d</sup> 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level 4 - 5

Proficiency or elective course <sup>f</sup>

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

**Hours 16-17**

##### Spring

Major: religious studies course <sup>g</sup> 3

Major: religious studies course <sup>g</sup> 3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level 4 - 5

Proficiency or elective course <sup>f</sup>

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

**Hours 16-17**

#### Fourth Year

##### Fall

Major: religious studies course <sup>g</sup> 3

GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>d</sup> 3

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

**Hours 15**

##### Spring

Major: religious studies course <sup>g</sup> 3

GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>d</sup> 3

Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

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Elective course <sup>e</sup> 3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

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**Total Hours 124-130**

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.

b Students select 15 s.h. (typically five courses) that are distributed across at least three of the department's five core areas. The core areas include: social justice, equity, inclusion, and religion; religion in history; religion in global

context; religion, values, and culture; and special topics and current events. See the General Catalog for lists of approved courses.

c Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

d GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

e Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

f Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.

g Students select another 15 s.h. from any core area list or any other religious studies course (prefix RELS). See the General Catalog for lists of approved courses.

h Please see Academic Calendar, on Office of the Registrar website, for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.