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
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**Academic Career**
Any Semester
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability
Students may count up to 56 s.h. of coursework from the Religious Studies Department (prefix RELS) toward credit required for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

**First Year**
**Fall**
Major: core area course 3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture 3
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2
**Hours** 14-15

**Spring**
Major: core area course 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences 3
Elective course 3
**Hours** 15-16

**Second Year**
**Fall**
Major: core area course 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning 3
**Hours** 15

**Third Year**
**Fall**
Major: core area course 3
Major: religious studies course 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level 4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course 3
Elective course 3
**Hours** 16-17

**Spring**
Major: core area course 3
Major: religious studies course 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level 4 - 5
Proficiency or elective course 3
Elective course 3
**Hours** 16-17

**Fourth Year**
**Fall**
Major: religious studies course 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
**Hours** 15

**Spring**
Major: religious studies course 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
**Hours** 15

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

**Total Hours** 123-129

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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 and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.

b Students select courses from at least three out of the five core areas in Religious Studies for a total of 15 s.h. toward
the major. 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 General Catalog for list of approved courses in each area.

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. See General Catalog for list of approved courses.
h. Please see Academic Calendar, 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.