Religious Studies, B.A.

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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Spring

Major: religious studies 2000-4999 level course | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5 |
Elective course | 3 |
Elective course | 3 |
Hours | 16 - 17 |

Third Year

Fall

Major: religious studies 2000-4999 level course | 3 |
Major: religious studies course | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5 |
Elective course | 3 |
Elective course | 3 |
Hours | 16 - 17 |

Spring

Major: religious studies 2000-4999 level course | 3 |
Major: religious studies course | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5 |
Elective course | 3 |
Elective course | 3 |
Hours | 16 - 17 |

Fourth Year

Fall

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 |

Spring

RELS:4950 Senior Majors Seminar | 3 |
Elective course | 3 |
Elective course | 3 |
Elective course | 3 |
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) | 3 |
Hours | 15 |

Total Hours | 123 - 129 |

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

b  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.

c  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.

d  RELS:1015 provides an introduction to the study of the world's religions; students should take it as early as possible.

e  Typically this course is offered in spring semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.

f  Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
g  RELS:4950 is a capstone course. Ideally, students take it during their senior year, but they may take it during their junior year.

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 Graduation Services.