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

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**First Year**

Fall
Major: social justice, equity, inclusion, and religion course b, c 3
ENGL.1200 or RHET.1030: The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion d 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture d 3
CSI:1600: Success at Iowa 2

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Spring
Major: religion in history course b, c 3
RHET.1030 or ENGL.1200: Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab d 4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences d 3
Elective course e 2

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**Second Year**

Fall
Major: religion in global context course b, c 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning d 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course e 3

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**Third Year**

Fall
Major: special topics and current events course b, c 3
Major: religious studies course b 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab d 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3

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Spring
Major: religious studies course b 3
Major: religious studies course b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3

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**Fourth Year**

Fall
Major: religious studies course b 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts d 3
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3

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Spring
Major: religious studies course b 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives d 3
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3
Elective course e 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

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**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 See General Catalog for list 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 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 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.