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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Course Title Hours
Academic Career
Any Semester
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability a

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

Hours 14-15

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

Hours 15-16

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
Elective course e
Elective course e

Hours 16-17

Spring
Major: religion, values, and culture course b, c 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues d 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course
Elective course e
Elective course e

Hours 16-17

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
Elective course e

Hours 16-17

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: religious studies course b 3
Major: religious studies course b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course
Elective course e
Elective course e
Elective course e

Hours 16-17

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

Hours 15

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

Hours 15

Total Hours 123-129

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.