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

First Year

Fall

RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
Major: religious studies 1000-level course a 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture b 3
Elective course c 3
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Hours 14-15

Spring

RELS:1015 Global Religious Conflict and Diversity d, e 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab b 4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences b 3
Elective course c 2

Hours 15-16

Second Year

Fall

Major: religious studies 1000-level course a 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 3

Hours 16-17

Spring

Major: religious studies 2000-4999 level course 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 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 b 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab b 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course f 4 - 5

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 f 4 - 5
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 3

Hours 16-17

Fourth Year

Fall

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

Hours 15

Spring

RELS:4950 Senior Majors Seminar e, g 3
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 3
Elective course c 3

Hours 15

Total Hours 123-129

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.
RELS:4950 is a capstone course. Ideally, students take it during their senior year, but they may take it during their junior year.

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.