

# Religious Studies, Ph.D.

## Academic Plans

### 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
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
72 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; up to 24 s.h. of graduate transfer credit allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. <sup>a, b</sup>		
Students often develop PhD plans of study either in relation to traditional areas of concentration or by theme. <sup>c</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
RELS:5400	Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	3
RELS Graduate Seminar course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
RELS:5200	Varieties of Religion in the Contemporary World	3
GRAD:6217	Seminar in College Teaching	3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
RELS:5300	Genealogies of Religion	3
RELS Graduate Seminar course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Submit PhD Plan of Study <sup>f</sup>		
RELS:5100	Teaching and Public Engagement	1
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Graduate Seminar course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
Comprehensive Exam <sup>g</sup>		
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Fifth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Dissertation Prospectus and Defense <sup>h</sup>		
RELS:7950	Thesis <sup>i</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
RELS:7950	Thesis <sup>i</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<b>Sixth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
RELS:7950	Thesis <sup>i</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
RELS:7950	Thesis <sup>i</sup>	2
Final Exam <sup>j</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>72</b>

a Students must complete RELS:5100; RELS:5200; RELS:5300, RELS:5400, GRAD:6217, three graduate seminars, and a dissertation. Courses may be offered at different times, so students should work with faculty advisor and the department to determine appropriate courses and sequence.

b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

c Traditional areas of concentration may include religions in the Middle East, Ancient Near East, or Mediterranean, religions in Asia, religions of Europe and the Americas, or topics related to religion, ethics, and society. Popular themes include religions' relationships to public life, gender, race, media and technology, and human health and well-being. Students work with a faculty advisor to determine an area of concentration that best suits their interests.

d Three graduate seminars must be taken prior to completion of the degree, including at least two in Religious Studies (prefix RELS); consult with faculty advisor regarding the appropriate courses and sequence.

e Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate graduate level elective coursework and sequence.

f During the fourth semester, in consultation with faculty advisor and core committee, submit a comprehensive plan that includes work already completed and work yet to be completed, along with a paper written in the first three semesters at the University of Iowa.

g Typically completed during fourth year spring semester.

h During the semester after the comprehensive exam, students must submit a draft of their dissertation prospectus to their dissertation committee, followed by a two-hour oral defense. A prospectus must be approved by a majority vote before students are permitted to proceed with writing the dissertation.

- i Maximum of 12 s.h. of dissertation credit may be counted towards the degree.
- j Dissertation defense.