

B.A. IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2009-10

College of Humanities and Sciences General Education Requirements
Foundational Courses

1. Writing : Complete each course.	Credits	Grade
UNIV 111 Focused Inquiry I		
UNIV 112 Focused Inquiry II (C grade or better required)		
ENGL 200 or academic research writing course (C grade or better required; must complete 24 credits before enrolling)		

2. Mathematics & Statistics: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
MATH 131 Introduction to Contemporary Math or STAT 208 Statistical Thinking		
Course Taken		

Supporting Courses

3. Human, Social, and Political Behavior: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
ANTH/INTL 103 Introduction to Anthropology ECON 101/INTL 102 Introduction to Political Economy HUMS 300 Great Questions of the Social Sciences POLI 103 U.S. Government PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (4 credits) SOCY 101 General Sociology		
Course Taken		

4. Science and Technology: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
BIOL 101 Biological Concepts (3 or 4 credits) BIOL/ENVS 103 Environmental Science (4 credits) CHEM 110 Chemistry and Society FRSC 202 Crime and Science INSC 201 Energy! PHYS 103 Elementary Astronomy		
Course Taken	3	

5. Diverse and Global Communities: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
INTL 101 Human Societies and Globalization MASC/INTL 151 Global Communication POL/INTL 105 International Relations RELS 108 Human Spirituality WMNS 201 Introduction to Women's Studies		
Course Taken	3	

6. Literature and Civilization: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
ENGL 215 Readings in Literature HIST 201 The Art of Historical Detection HUMS 250 Reading Film PHIL 201 Critical Thinking About Moral Problems WRLD 203 Cultural Texts and Contexts WRLD 230 Introduction to World Cinema		
Course Taken	3	

7. General Education Electives: Choose any 2 additional courses from boxes 3, 4, 5, or 6 (must be from two different boxes).	Credits	Grade
Course Taken	Box#	
Course Taken	Box#	

Experiential Courses

8. General Education Modules: Complete each.	Credits	Grade
Experiencing the Fine Arts: successfully complete one course from the School of the Arts (1-3 credits)		
Course Taken		
HUMS 202 Choices in a Consumer Society	1	

9. Foreign Language: Must demonstrate competency through the 102 level by previous high school background, transfer credit or placement test.	Credits	Grade
101 level		
102 level		

10. Senior Capstone: taken in major as a senior (after at least 85 credits)	Credits	Grade
RELS 499 Senior Seminar (fulfilled in major)		

 Has VCCS Associate Degree _____

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

The Bachelor of Arts major in religious studies requires 31 credits in religious studies courses or in courses listed as acceptable for religious studies credits in the major. Up to 6 credits in Hebrew, Greek, Arabic, Japanese, or Chinese language courses may be accepted within the required 31 credits of the program if approved by the curriculum committee of the religious studies division; that same committee may approve occasional substitutions within religious studies major requirements should the needs and background of an individual student warrant such substitutions.

Western Religions: Two of the following courses (6 credits):
 RELS 280
 RELS 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 312, 313, 314
 RELS 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 327, 335, 371, 373, 380
 RELS 407, 409, 441.

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Eastern Religions: Two of the following courses (6 credits):
 RELS 311, 320, 322, 342, 368
 RELS 408, 410, 412

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Methods: One of the following courses (3 credits):
 RELS 333 Psychology & Religious Experience
 RELS 360 Sociology of Religion
 RELS 361 Bible as Literature
 RELS 430 Philosophy of Religion

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Themes: One of the following (3 credits):
 RELS 250
 RELS 326, 334, 340, 350, 362, 371, 372, 373
 RELS 401, 425, 440, 450, 451, 453, 455

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Intensive Study: One of the following (3 credits):
 RELS 490 Seminar in Religious Studies
 RELS 491 Topics courses (vary each semester)
 RELS 492 Independent Study (prior approval required)

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Senior Seminar (1 credit)
 * *Senior Standing required**

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Religious Studies Electives (minimum 9 credits)
 * Can include for-credit experiential learning (INTL 493 or equivalent) with prior approval

Graduation Application Preparation

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Major Totals:		
Upper Level Credits Earned in Major		
Total Credits Earned in Major	Earned	QPts.
Major GPA:		

