## B.A. IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

All students majoring in Religious Studies must take a minimum of 31 hours in Religious Studies plus 18 hours of related courses. The course requirements for the major are as follows:

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<td><strong>Distribution Requirements</strong></td>
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<td>At least one course must be taken in each of the three areas listed below. At least one course must be taken at the 3000-4000 level. The student may petition their advisor to have other courses substituted for the list below in fulfillment of the distribution requirement.</td>
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<td>All majors take 15 hours of electives, i.e., any 2000-4000 level REL course not counted toward the above requirements. At least 6 hours of these 15 hours must be taken at the 4000 level. Students may consider directing some of these hours toward a concentration, toward a Religious Studies Internship REL 4940 taken concurrently or after the Proseminar, or toward a Senior Thesis for Honors REL 4960 if pursuing departmental honors.</td>
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<td><strong>Optional: Concentration Areas</strong></td>
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<td>Students may opt to dedicate 12 hours toward a concentration in one of the four sub-fields of religious studies below to receive a BA degree in religious studies with a concentration in this subfield. Students may also opt out of concentrating to receive a BA in religious studies per se. Distribution courses, elective courses, courses in related fields an independent students that align with the concentration in question can all count toward a concentration with prior approval of the Advisor.</td>
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<td><strong>Christian Studies</strong></td>
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<td>Select 12 hours related to the study of Christianity, selected from courses including but not limited to:</td>
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Related Courses

As part of the general College of Arts and Letters requirements, students must take 18 hours of related courses outside the Religious Studies program that have been approved by the student’s advisor. A minimum of 9 of these hours must be taken at the 3000 level of above. A Minor or major in another department may be used to satisfy the related courses requirement.

Below is a sample plan of study. Consult your degree audit for your program requirements.

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Honors in Religious Studies

Meet with the departmental major advisor to discuss the qualifications and to develop a plan to meet the honors requirements. May be combined with any concentration or not. Requires:

1. A 3.0 cumulative GPA and junior or senior status in order to seek honors
2. A 3.4 minimum cumulative GPA in REL courses. Transfer courses are not included
3. Honors Thesis: REL 4960
4. Paper from 4000-level Honors seminar course.