



Religious Studies Major Degree Checklist

Pre-Theological Studies Concentration

This checklist is not a declaration of major, nor is it an official document. Official student records are maintained by the Registrar's Office. This is an information sheet only; students should consult the catalog for additional policies about their Major. Students are fully responsible for knowing the current requirements of their academic program.

Those who wish to prepare for graduate theological work or seminaries should consult with those schools for prerequisites and requirements that may be met at the undergraduate level.

I. FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION

- _____ ENG 110 College Writing
- _____ MATH 101, 111, 112, 122 or 231
- _____ COMMS 101 Speech
- _____ PHIL 101 Logic: Critical Thinking
- _____ Computer Competency (complete Religious Studies Computer Competency Checklist)
- _____ Foreign Language (a two semester sequence is required)
- _____ For a B.S., at least 6 credits in one language; for a B.A., 16 credits in one language, or 14 credits in one and 8 in a second. High school coursework may fulfill the requirement, but credit is not given unless the student wishes to earn retroactive credit; see the college catalogue for policies.

II. FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN LEARNING

- _____ An F1 course in literature (Pre-req is ENG 110 College Writing)
- _____ An F2 course in history and appreciation of one of the fine arts
- _____ An F3 studio experience course in one of the fine arts
- _____ An F4 course in social science: economics, political science, psychology, sociology
- _____ An F5 sequence of two courses in one of the natural sciences, including experimental lab
- _____ An F6 course in history
- _____ An F7 course in philosophy other than PHIL 101 (Pre-req is PHIL 101 Logic)

III. HUMAN ISSUES STUDY

- _____ Human Issues Seminar (3-4 credits) **or**
- _____ RS 305 & _____ 405 = Two-semester Human Issues Seminar in Religion & Public Life (4 credits) **or**
- _____ Independent study on a Human Issues topic of the student's choosing (min. 3 credits)

IV. MAJOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Six Religious Studies Core Courses:

Area A: Scriptures/Sacred Texts -- Two courses (8 credits)

- _____ 210A F8 Biblical Literature: Hebrew Bible
- _____ 210B F8 Biblical Literature: Gospels

Area B: Christianity & World Religions -- Two courses (8 credits)

- _____ 225 F8 Introduction to Major Religious Traditions
- _____ 230 F8 History of Christianity

Area C: Religion in the Human Community One course (4 credits) on values and moral decision-making

_____ RS 240 Christian Responsibility and Moral Development, or RS 242 Moral Responsibility and Medical Ethics, or RS 247 Christian Religious Experience.

Senior Seminar in Religious Studies

_____ RS 498 Senior Seminar (4 credits)

2. Two RS Theological Courses including

_____ 224F8 Introduction to Christian Thought **or**
_____ 250F8 Catholicism **and**
_____ 341 Catholic Theology for the 21st Century

3. A minimum of eight additional credits* four of which must be from Area C

Area A: Scriptures/Sacred Texts -- 0 to 4 additional credits selected from:

_____ 210CF8 Biblical Literature: Acts, Letters
_____ 220 Jewish Life and Thought: Torah
_____ 221 Jewish Life and Thought: Prophets
_____ 222 Jewish Life and Thought: Writings
_____ 414 Scripture: Advanced Study

Area B: Christianity & World Religions -- 0 to 4 additional credits selected from:

_____ 220-223 Jewish Life and Thought
_____ 224F8 Introduction to Christian Thought
_____ 250F8 Catholicism
_____ 265 Religious Traditions of the East
_____ 343 Women and Religion
_____ 422 Reformation and Counter-Reformation
_____ 451-455 Topics in Religious Studies
_____ 456 Challenge of Islam

Area C: Religion in the Human Community -- 4 to 8 additional credits selected from:

_____ 218F8 Images of Faith in Literature and Film
_____ 226 Religious Perspectives on Contemporary Issues
_____ 240F8 Christian Responsibility and Moral Development
_____ 242F8 Moral Responsibility and Medical Ethics
_____ 247F8 Christian Religious Experience
_____ 305 Human Issues Seminar in Religion and Public Life I
_____ 331 Christian Worship
_____ 345 Religion and Society
_____ 405 Human Issues Seminar in Religion and Public Life II
_____ 431 Sacramental Celebrations
_____ 451- 455 Topics in Religious Studies

4. In addition to the 40 credits, all Religious Studies Majors will:

_____ prepare an *Academic Portfolio* to be reviewed by the Religious Studies faculty at the end of each academic year. _____ 1st year, _____ 2nd year, _____ 3rd year, _____ 4th year.

_____ complete the appropriate sections of the *RS Computer Competency Checklist* for each year in the program.

_____ submit at least one major research paper for presentation at an Edgewood Student Research, Religious Studies, or similar conference during their last 4 semesters:

_____ Presented at _____ Topic: _____.

_____ complete the minimum **120 credits** required by the college with a cumulative GPA of at least **2.85**.