

Major Requirements for Religious Studies



The departmental requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies consist of 45 semester hours, 30 of which must be in religious studies (including 21 upper division hours), and 15 of which must be in fields related to religious studies. The 30 semester hours in religious studies must include the following: REL 305; at least one course from each of the following distribution areas: Religion in the Americas, Religion and Asian Cultures, and Religion and Western Cultures; and two research seminars, including REL 405, which may be repeated for credit.

Additionally, a minimum GPA of 2.5 is required in the 30 hours of religious studies courses. Students are strongly advised to plan their programs of study with the help of the Religious Studies departmental advisor.

- REL 305 Ritual, Symbol & Myth
- REL 405 Problems in Religious Studies

- REL 405, 444, 494, or 498

- Religion in the Americas (choose one)
320 321 322 330 331
332 420 426 427 435

- Religion and Asian Cultures (choose one)
344 345 350 351 355 365
366 444 454 460 464

- Religion and Western Cultures (choose one)
310 315 316 317 371 372 373
374 377 385 410 415 470 471

- 12 REL credit hours of your choice (must include at least 3 upper-division credit hours)
Selection of at least one Bridge Course from the following is encouraged: 240 379 382 390 480

- 15 related field credit hours (selected in consultation with the Religious Studies advisor)

Minor in Religious Studies

The minor in Religious Studies consists of 18 semester hours, at least 12 of which must be upper-division. Both REL 305 and REL 405 are required. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with their advisors.

- REL 305
- REL 405 (Minors must obtain an override in order to register)
- 6 upper-division REL credit hours

- 6 additional REL credit hours

To earn a bachelor's degree, ASU General Studies and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences requirements must also be completed. Consult the ASU General Catalog, or see your academic advisor for more information.