

# Religion Major (31 credits)

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Please note that departmental contact is strongly recommended to further aid your academic planning. Irregularities in offerings do occur as a result of sabbaticals and medical leaves.

\_\_\_\_\_ RELI 201, 202, 203, 204, 303, 401, or 405 (World Religions)

\_\_\_\_\_ RELI 251, 210, 211, 212, 215, 218, 314, 316, 319 or 415 (Biblical Studies)

\_\_\_\_\_ RELI 221, 222, 225, 321, 323, 324, 327, 328, 329 or 425 (Christian Theology and Ethics)

\_\_\_\_\_ RELI 231, 232, 238, 245, 334, 336, or 435 (American and Historical Studies)

\_\_\_\_\_ RELI 444 (1) Pre-Thesis Seminar- must be taken the semester **before** RELI 445

\_\_\_\_\_ RELI 445 (Colloquium for Majors) or 400-level seminar approved by the Chair of RELI Dept. (Spr)

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Additional requirements for the major may be selected from any RELI course, but may also include GREK 303-The Greek Bible, PHIL 217-Phil. of Religion, and SOCY 305-Sociology of Religion

## Important information for majors:

- You do not have to be religious to major in religion. Each year, several religion majors attend seminary after graduation, but the majority of students develop careers in business, law, education, social work, and military service.
- Because there are few pre-requisites within the Religion coursework, it is easy to double major or even minor in religion.
- **It is recommended for Religion majors to take 6 hrs in Philosophy courses**, although only GREK 303, PHIL 217 and SOCY 305 may be counted towards required hours for the major.
- Students may be interested in participating in one or more of the campus ministry organizations and take advantage of non-profit service activities on campus or within the local community. Common co-curricular programs of interest include the McRae Program for Religion and Society, the Hobbie Business Ethics Program and the Wilson Center Leadership in the Public Interest Program. Religion majors may even be interested in INDS 320—Philanthropy in theory and practice.
- Students interested in the McRae Program for Religion and Society should plan on taking Religious Autobiography the fall of their sophomore or junior year.
- Students interested in graduate work in religious studies should complete RELI 245.
- Students wishing to do departmental honors in religion should really consider summer honors research the summer before their senior year. Consult your RELI faculty early in your junior year.

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Successful completion of the above items does not alone guarantee that graduation requirements have been met. Please see advisor.

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