

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

## Requirements for a Major in Religious Studies

### Bachelor of Arts

Must Complete 30 hours of work in religious studies or related subjects and at least 24 hours must be taken in the department.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
RELS 105	Introduction to Religion (preferably in first or second year)	3
RELS 401	Religious Studies Capstone (spring of senior year)	3
<b>Select at least six hours from each Area of Emphasis:</b>		<b>18</b>
biblical studies/ ( <a href="https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/religious-studies/biblical/">https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/religious-studies/biblical/</a> )		
world's religious traditions/ ( <a href="https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/religious-studies/traditions/">https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/religious-studies/traditions/</a> )		
religion and culture/ ( <a href="https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/religious-studies/religion/">https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/religious-studies/religion/</a> )		
<b>Select two additional RELS courses</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Those minoring in education may take RELS 401 Religious Studies Capstone in the spring of their junior year.

### Areas of Emphasis

#### Biblical Studies Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 111	Biblical Hebrew	3
RELS 112	Biblical Hebrew	3
RELS 211	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	3
RELS 212	The New Testament: History and Literature	3
RELS 213	Life and Teaching of Jesus	3
RELS 214	Life and Letters of Paul	3
RELS 215	The Bible and Film	3
RELS 216	Sex, Gender, and the Bible	3
RELS 217	The Bible in America	3
RELS 218	Biblical Short Stories	3
RELS 219	The Book of Revelation	3
RELS 311	Prophecy in Ancient Israel	3
GREK 336	Greek New Testament	3

#### The World's Religious Traditions Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 221	World Religions: Indian, Buddhist, Chinese, Japanese	3
RELS 222	World Religions: Judaic, Christian, Islamic	3
RELS 223	Hinduism: History, Teachings, Practice	3
RELS 225	Buddhism: History, Teachings, Practice	3
RELS 227	Islam	3
RELS 228	New Religious Movements	3

RELS 229	Native American Religions	3
RELS 230	Judaism	3
RELS 231	Christianity	3
RELS 232	History of Christianity from the Early Church to the Protestant Reformation	3
RELS 233	History of Christianity from the Protestant Reformation to Present	3
RELS/CLAS 242	Archaeology of Israel	3
RELS 246	Jewish and Christian Identities in Ancient Israel/Palestine	3
RELS 247	Jewish and Christian Identities in Today's Israel/Palestine	3
RELS 248	Religions of Japan: Land of Kami, Land of Buddhas	3
HONR 110	Japanese Religion	3
CLAS 224	Ancient Cult and Worship	3

#### Religion and Culture Emphasis

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 235	Religious Ethics	3
RELS 237	Christian Ethics	3
RELS 251	The Holocaust	3
RELS 254	Religion in America	3
RELS 258	African-American Religion	3
RELS 260	Religions and the Natural Environment	3
RELS 262	Religion and Science	3
RELS 271	Women and Religion	3
RELS 274	Women and Christianity	3
RELS 275	Liberation Theology	3
RELS 278	Civil Religion and Public Theology	3
RELS 321	Religion and Literature	3
RELS 324	Contemporary American Religion	3
HONR 115	Theology of Martin Luther King Jr	3
HONR 140	Religion & the Founding Fathers	3
HONR 152	Human Suffering and the Problem of Evil	3

#### Courses for which no area is specified

Code	Title	Hours
RELS 105	Introduction to Religion	3
RELS 401	Religious Studies Capstone	3
RELS 450	Internship	3
RELS 481/482	Special Topics	3
RELS 491/492	Independent Study	3
RELS 496/497/498	Senior Project	3