

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, BA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B * |
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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| Mathematics | Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework. |
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| Language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English. |
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| L&S Breadth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course. |
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| Liberal Arts and Science Coursework | Complete at least 108 credits. |
| Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work | Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level. |
| Major | Declare and complete at least one major. |
| Total Credits | Complete at least 120 credits. |
| UW–Madison Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit. |
| Quality of Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2,000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison |

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Students must complete 30 credits in Religious Studies coursework, to include:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Gateway (Complete one course:) | | 3 |
| RELIG ST 101 | Religion in Global Perspective | |
| RELIG ST 102 | Exploring Religion in Sickness and Health | |
| RELIG ST 103 | Exploring Religion and Sexuality | |
| RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE 104 | Sacred Places and Journeys | |
| RELIG ST 105 | Religion and Popular Culture-Local and Global | |
| Middle Sequence | | 15 |
| RELIG ST 300 | America and Religions | |
| RELIG ST 302 | Christianity: Interpretation and Practice | |
| RELIG ST/ GEN&WS 305 | Women, Gender and Religion | |
| RELIG ST/ASIAN/ HISTORY 308 | Introduction to Buddhism | |
| RELIG ST/ HISTORY/ MEDIEVAL 309 | The Crusades: Christianity and Islam | |
| RELIG ST 311 | Sects and Cults | |

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| RELIG ST 327 | | | |
| RELIG ST/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 328 | Classical Rabbinic Literature in Translation | | |
| RELIG ST/ HIST SCI/ MED HIST 331 | Science, Medicine and Religion | | |
| RELIG ST/ CLASSICS/ HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 332 | Prophets of the Bible | | |
| RELIG ST 333 | Early Christian Literature: Matthew-Revelation | | |
| RELIG ST/ CLASSICS/ JEWISH 335 | King David in History and Tradition | | |
| RELIG ST/ JEWISH 340 | The American Jewish Life of DNA | | |
| RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE/ MIEVEAL/ SCAND ST 342 | Nordic Mythology | | |
| RELIG ST/ ANTHRO 343 | Anthropology of Religion | | |
| RELIG ST/ CLASSICS/ JEWISH 346 | Jewish Literature of the Greco-Roman Period | | |
| RELIG ST 350 | | | |
| RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE 352 | Shamanism | | |
| RELIG ST/ ASIAN 306 | Hinduism | | |
| RELIG ST/ JEWISH 322 | The Sabbath | | |
| RELIG ST/ ENVIR ST/ HIST SCI 356 | Islam, Science & Technology, and the Environment | | |
| RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE 359 | Myth | | |
| RELIG ST/ENGL/ HISTORY 360 | The Anglo-Saxons | | |
| RELIG ST 361 | Early Christian Literature: Pauline Christianity | | |
| RELIG ST/ AFRICAN/ ASIAN 370 | Islam: Religion and Culture | | |
| RELIG ST/ ART HIST 373 | Great Cities of Islam | | |
| RELIG ST/ COM ARTS 374 | The Rhetoric of Religion | | |
| RELIG ST 400 | Topics in Religious Studies - Humanities | | |
| RELIG ST 401 | Topics in Religious Studies - Social Studies | | |
| RELIG ST 403 | Topics in Religious Studies-US Ethnic Studies | | |
| RELIG ST 404 | | | |
| RELIG ST 406 | The Amish | | |
| RELIG ST 410 | Children and Religion in America | | |
| RELIG ST/ HISTORY 411 | The Enlightenment and Its Critics | | |
| RELIG ST/ AFRICAN 414 | Islam in Africa and the Diaspora | | |
| RELIG ST 420 | Religious Studies Colloquium | | |
| RELIG ST/ POLI SCI 433 | Religion and Politics | | |
| RELIG ST/ ENGL 434 | Milton | | |
| RELIG ST/ JEWISH/ PHILOS 435 | Jewish Philosophy from Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century | | |
| RELIG ST/ ITALIAN/ MIEVEAL 440 | Poverty, Ecology and the Arts: St. Francis of Assisi | | |
| RELIG ST 444 | | | |
| RELIG ST/ ASIAN 466 | Buddhist Thought | | |
| RELIG ST/ ASIAN 473 | Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism | | |
| RELIG ST 475 | Religion, Global and Public Health | | |
| RELIG ST/ ART HIST 478 | Art and Religious Practice in Medieval Japan | | |
| RELIG ST 500 | Advanced Topics in Religious Studies | | |
| RELIG ST/ PHILOS 501 | Philosophy of Religion | | |
| RELIG ST/ CURRIC/ ED POL 516 | Religion and Public Education | | |
| RELIG ST/ CLASSICS/ HISTORY 517 | Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean | | |
| RELIG ST/ ASIAN 650 | Proseminar in Buddhist Thought | | |
| Capstone | | | |
| RELIG ST 600 | Religion in Critical Perspective | | 3 |
| Electives: Any course from RELIG ST 100 through 699 | | | 9 |
| Total Credits | | | 30 |
| RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.000 GPA in all RELIG ST and major courses • 2.000 GPA on 15 Upper-Level credits for the major, taken in residence¹ • 15 credits in RELIG ST or the major, taken on campus | | | |
| ¹ Courses counting as upper-level in the major are any RELIG ST courses at the Intermediate or Advanced level. | | | |

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Religious Studies undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and these additional requirements:

- Minimum 3.300 University GPA
- Minimum 3.500 GPA in all RELIG ST and all major courses
- Complete 12 credits, taken for Honors, with individual grades of B or better, to include:
 - RELIG ST 600
 - RELIG ST 681 and RELIG ST 682 for at least 6 credits.
 - 3 additional credits of Intermediate or Advanced level RELIG ST and major courses

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.