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.

**General Education**
- 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 *

* 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**

**Mathematics**
- Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

**Language**
- 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.

**LS Breadth**
- 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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**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**
- 30 credits in residence, overall; and
- 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

**Quality of Work**
- 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:

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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/ MEDIEVAL/ 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/ ASIAN 350  Introduction to Taoism
RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE 352  Shamanism
RELIG ST/ ASIAN 306  Hinduism
RELIG ST/ JEWISH 322  The Sabbath
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/ AFROAMER 404  African American Religions
RELIG ST 406  The Amish
RELIG ST 410  Children and Religion in America
RELIG ST/ HISTORY 411  The Enlightenment and It's 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/ MEDIEVAL 440  Poverty, Ecology and the Arts: St. Francis of Assisi
RELIG ST/ ASIAN 444  Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism)
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**

- 2.000 GPA in all RELIG ST and major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 Upper-Level credits for the major, taken in residence
- 15 credits in RELIG ST or the major, taken on campus
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.