

Religious Studies, Global Interreligious Dynamics (BA)

This program is designed for students interested in the human encounters and exchanges within and across global religious traditions. It is intended for students who wish to gain in-depth knowledge of the ways diverse religious practices and ideas impact global politics and civic life, in order to develop skills applicable to careers that address conflict resolution and cultural pluralism.

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Code	Title	Hours
1st Semester		
	<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>	3
	<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>	3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
	<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)</u>	3
	<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>	3
2nd Semester		
	<u>Mathematics (020)</u>	3
	<u>U.S. History (060)</u>	3
	<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	3
R S 310	Introduction to the Study of Religion	3
	Free Elective	3
3rd Semester		
	Hours chosen from: Lower-division R S	3
	<u>Humanities (040)</u>	3
	<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>	3
	Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency	6
4th Semester		
	Hours chosen from: Lower-division R S	3
	<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>	3
	<u>U.S. History (060)</u>	3
	Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency	6
5th Semester		
AFR 345F	Sex and Power in the African Diaspora	3
or ANT 340C	Ethnographic Research Methods	
or R S 337	Religion and Society	
or R S 373E	Anthropology Of Religion	
or R S 373T	Talk, Text, and God	
R S 320	Introduction to Research Methods in the Study of Religion	3
	<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>	3
	<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	3
	<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>	3

6th Semester

Hours chosen from: Upper-division R S	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division R S	3
R S 375S Topics in Advanced Seminars in Religious Studies	3
Minor/Certificate course	3
Minor/Certificate course	3

7th Semester

Hours chosen from: Upper-division R S	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division R S	3
Minor/Certificate course	3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course	3
Free Elective	3

8th Semester

Hours chosen from: Upper-division R S	3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course	3
Free Elective	3
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Total Hours **120**

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy General Education requirements, including Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Hours
Concentration		
R S 310	Introduction to the Study of Religion	3
R S 307	Introduction to Interreligious Dynamics	3
R S 320	Introduction to Research Methods in the Study of Religion	3
	Hours chosen from: Contemporary Interreligious Dynamics (see course list tab)	9
	Hours chosen from: Historical Interreligious Dynamics course list (see course list tab)	9
R S 375S	Topics in Advanced Seminars in Religious Studies	3
	<i>Subtotal</i>	30
	Degree (see details below)	51
	Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.	9
	<i>Subtotal</i>	60
General Education		
	<u>Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)</u>	30
	Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	30
<u>College Requirements - Liberal Arts</u>		
<u>General University Requirements</u>		
Total Hours		120

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
	<u>Literature and Writing</u>	

RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
or T C 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
E 316L	British Literature	
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		3
<i>Choose a sequence below: Social Science</i>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory	
or S S 302D	Honors Social Science: Psychology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302F	Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Hours chosen from: Mathematics		
<i>Choose a sequence below:</i>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning	
or PHL 313Q	Logic and Scientific Reasoning	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<i>Choose a sequence below:</i>		15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology	
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II	
Three Hours chosen from:		
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance		
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy		
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies		
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		

Sequence 3: Other Plan I	
Hours chosen from:	
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought	
Total Hours	51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).

Contemporary Interreligious Dynamics

Code	Title	Hours
R S 316C	History of Religion in the United States	3
R S 313N	Jewish Civilization: 1492 to the Present	3
R S 316E	American Jews: The Yiddish Experience	3
ANT 318L	Mexican American Culture	3
R S 358C	Islam and Politics	3

R S 358F	French Empire: The West and Islam	3
R S 358G	Gender Politics in the Islamic World	3
R S 358L	Rule of Law in the Middle East	3
R S 358V	Veiling in the Muslim World	3
R S 359C	Graffiti and Poster Art in the Islamic World	3
R S 346V	African American Religions	3
R S 326	History of Religion in America since 1800	3
R S 345	Islamic Spain and North Africa to 1492	3
R S 346D	Native American Religions	3
R S 346F	United States Catholic History	3
R S 346G	Religion in the American West	3
R S 346J	Evangelical Christianity	3
R S 346K	The Black Church in African American Politics	3
R S 346L	Representation of Jews in the American Public Sphere	3
R S 346N	American Jewish Material Culture	3
R S 346U	The History of Islam in the United States	3
R S 360C	African Religious Culture and Creativity	3
R S 366C	The Bible in the Colonial Americas	3
R S 366D	Religions of the Caribbean	3
R S 366E	Jewish Cuba	3
R S 368C	When Christ was King	3
R S 368D	Church and State in Latin America	3

R S 359D	Islam in the Early Modern World: Religion and Culture	3
R S 359E	Shia Islam	3
R S 359M	Arts of Islam, 650-1500	3
R S 359N	Arts of Islam 1500-Present	3
R S 365D	Hermits, Monks, and Saints in Early Christianity	3
R S 365G	Death and the Afterlife in Graeco-Roman Antiquity	3

Historical Interreligious Dynamics

Code	Title	Hours
R S 306D	The Roots of Religious Toleration	3
R S 312C	Introduction to Buddhism	3
R S 304	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: An Introduction	3
R S 312C	Introduction to Buddhism	3
R S 313E	Introduction to Jewish Latin America	3
R S 313M	Jewish Civilization: Beginnings to 1492	3
R S 318	The Rise of Christianity	3
R S 319	Introduction to Islam	3
R S 321	History of Hindu Religious Traditions	3
R S 322	History of Indian Buddhism	3
R S 325	Prophet of Islam: His Life and Times	3
R S 325G	The Qur'an	3
R S 335	Jesus in History and Tradition	3
R S 352D	Japanese Religion and Western Imagination	3
R S 352G	Shamanism and the Primitive	3
R S 352R	Ritual and Religion in Korea	3
R S 353G	Abraham and Abrahamic Religions	3
R S 357E	Jews of Eastern Europe	3
R S 357N	Northern Gods, Northern Faiths: The Conversion of Scandinavians, Finns, Northern Slavs and Shamans	3
R S 357O	The Church and the Jews	3
R S 357P	Jewish Folklore	3
R S 357T	Introduction to Germanic Religion and Myth	3
R S 357U	Medieval Women Mystics	3
R S 357V	Holocaust Aftereffects	3
R S 357W	Russian Orthodox Religion and Culture	3
R S 358K	Islamic Law	3
R S 358P	History of the Pilgrimage to Mecca, Hajj	3