

BA in Religious Studies

Degree Program Description

What do shamans, politicians, nurses, prophets, intellectuals, nuns, and soldiers have in common? They are all part of the Religious Studies curriculum at MU, which studies religion as a powerful influence in human life and history, shaping global cultures, national identities, and the values of individuals. Religious Studies majors explore the roles religion plays in societies, the ways that religious institutions grow and change, the meanings of scriptures from around the world, the extraordinary experiences of religious specialists, and much more. Graduates of the major pursue a variety of employment and graduate school opportunities.

Major Program Requirements

A student must take a total of 24 credit hours in Religious Studies, of which at least 21 hours must be at the 2000-level or above. Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to have the credit applied. In addition to University (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

Major Core Requirements

REL_ST 1100	Introduction to Religion	3
or REL_ST 1500	Religion and Culture	
or REL_ST 2110	Global Religions	

Semester Plan

Below is a **sample** plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
REL_ST 1100*		3 REL_ST 2310*	3
HIST 1100 or 1200		3 AMS 1060	3
SPAN 1100		4 SPAN 1200	4
PSYCH 1000		3 MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200	3
ENGLSH 1000 or 1000H		3 ANTHRO 1000	3
	16		16
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
REL_ST 2270		3 REL_ST 2100	3
SPAN 2100		4 GEOG 1100	3
BIO_SC 1010		3 HIST 3820	3
English Literature		3 Second major, minor, or elective course	6
PSYCH 2310		3	
	16		15

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
REL_ST 2630*		3 REL_ST 3200*	3
REL_ST 3455		3 REL_ST 3990*	3
GEOL 1100		4 ARH_VS 3760	3
Second major, minor, or elective courses		6 Second major, minor, or elective courses	6
	16		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
REL_ST 4110		3 Senior Seminar	3
PHYSICS 1050		3 Second major, minor, or elective courses	9
Second major, minor, or elective courses		8	
	14		12

Total Credits: 120

* Degree requirements that also meet University general education requirements