

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR (BA, BS, HBA, HBS)

This program is available at the following locations:

- Corvallis
- Ecampus

The School of History, Philosophy, and Religion offers a BA or BS degree in Religious Studies. Courses emphasize skills in critical thinking, argumentative and expository writing, cultural literacy, citizenship, and global diversity. Majors in religious studies pursue graduate studies and careers in numerous fields, including education, government, humanitarian services, journalism, law, medicine, and politics.

**Major Code: 977**

Upon successful completion of the program, students will meet the following learning outcomes:

- Acquire and further develop core humanities skills of critical thinking, textual analysis, expository and persuasive writing, and organized research, that displays academic knowledge of religious studies.
- Articulate the roles of religiosity in a secular democratic society and cultivate characteristics of engaged citizenship.
- Articulate the basic tenets of at least three classical world religions, including at least one religious cultural tradition outside of European/American culture.
- Utilize various disciplinary approaches – historical, literary, philosophical, religious, ethical – to articulate the concept and meaning of “religion” and the nature of its academic study
- Apply scholarly methods to understand how religious communities address concrete issues such as environment, gender, violence, and secularity.
- 52 total credits are required for the major and a minimum of 24 credits must be upper-division.
- No courses counted towards the major can be taken Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U).
- A maximum of two courses may be shared with any other minor or major.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core</b>		
REL 160/PHL 160	+*RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	4
REL 210/HST 210/PHL 210	+*RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES	4
REL 407	*SEMINAR	4
REL 467/PHL 467	+DECOLONIZING THE CANON	4
REL 497/HST 497/PHL 497	+PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT	2
<b>Electives</b>		
<i>Category A</i>		
Select a minimum of 8 credits from the following: 8		
ENG 275	*THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE	
HST 485	*POLITICS AND RELIGION IN THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST	
HST 486	A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN AFRICA	
REL 211	+ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES	
REL 214/PHL 214	+*INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC TRADITIONS	

REL 215/HST 215	*INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH TRADITIONS	
REL 217	+INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS	
REL 324/HST 324	*ANCIENT JEWISH HISTORY	
REL 325/HST 325	*EARLY CHRISTIANITY: ORIGINS TO 600	
REL 326/HST 326	*HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY	
REL 327/HST 327	HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE	
REL 328/HST 328	HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE	
REL 345/PHL 345	*FIRST FREEDOM: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND INTOLERANCE	
REL 364/HST 364	*UNITED STATES RELIGION AND SOCIAL REFORM	
REL 372/HST 372	*AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGION	
REL 387/HST 387	*ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION	
REL 388/HST 388	*ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION	
REL 470/HST 470	+RELIGION IN THE AMERICAN WEST	
<i>Category B</i>		
Select a minimum of 8 credits from the following: 8		
HST 348	*INDIGENOUS HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA	
REL 208/PHL 208	INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHIST TRADITIONS	
REL 213/PHL 213	+*INTRODUCTION TO HINDU TRADITIONS	
REL 315/PHL 315		
REL 371/PHL 371	*PHILOSOPHIES OF CHINA	
REL 430/PHL 430	HISTORY OF BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY	
REL 431/PHL 431	BUDDHISM, NON-VIOLENCE, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
REL 432/PHL 432	*YOGA AND TANTRIC TRADITIONS	
REL 433/PHL 433	*THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MODERN YOGA	
REL 434/PHL 434	*SPIRITUALITY AND ECOLOGY: GREEN YOGA	
REL 448/PHL 448/ ES 448	NATIVE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHIES	
<b>Uncategorized Courses</b>		
Select 18 credits from the following courses or additional courses from Category A and B: 18		
<i>SHPR Courses</i>		
HST 353	*SLAVERY IN THE AMERICAS	
HST 439	*SCIENCE AND RELIGION	
HST 466	RELIGION AND U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS	
PHL 411	GREAT FIGURES IN PHILOSOPHY	
REL 170/PHL 170	+*THE IDEA OF GOD	
REL 199	SPECIAL TOPICS	
REL 201/PAX 201	STUDY OF PEACE AND THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT	
REL 202/PHL 202	INTRODUCTION TO RELIGIOUS STUDIES	
REL 206/PHL 206	*RELIGIOUS ETHICS AND MORAL PROBLEMS	
REL 216	+CULTS AND NEWER RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	
REL 247	+RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCES OF PSYCHOLOGICAL FLOURISHING	
REL 250/HST 250/ PHL 250	LEGAL PERSPECTIVES	
REL 299	SPECIAL TOPICS	
REL 308/PHL 308	*INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPLATIVE STUDIES	
REL 310/PHL 310	*CRITICS OF RELIGION	
REL 316/PHL 316	INTELLECTUAL ISSUES OF MEXICO AND MEXICAN AMERICANS	
REL 330/HST 330	HISTORY OF EARLY MODERN EUROPE	
REL 344/PHL 344	*PACIFISM, JUST WAR, AND TERRORISM	
REL 350/HST 350	*EARLY LATIN AMERICA	
REL 378/HST 378/ WGSS 378	*RELIGION AND GENDER: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	
REL 410	INTERNSHIP	
REL 399	SPECIAL TOPICS	
REL 402	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
REL 405	READING AND CONFERENCE	
REL 415	SELECTED TOPICS	
REL 425/HST 425	*THE HOLOCAUST IN ITS HISTORY	
REL 443/PHL 443	*WORLD VIEWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	

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REL 444/PHL 444	*BIOMEDICAL ETHICS	
REL 445/PHL 445	*PANDEMICS, PLAGUES, AND PHILOSOPHIES	
REL 455/PHL 455	DEATH AND DYING	
REL 475/PHL 475	+*HUMAN TECHNOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT	
REL 476/HST 476	+*HISTORY OF WHITE NATIONALISM AND CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN THE U.S.	
REL 477/PHL 477	+*PSYCHEDELICS, SPIRITUALITY, AND HEALING	
<i>Non-SHPR Courses</i>		
No more than 8 credits from the following courses may be counted towards the major:		
ANTH 452	FOLKLORE AND EXPRESSIVE CULTURE	
ANTH 472	CONTEMPORARY NATIVE ISSUES	
ENG 330	*THE HOLOCAUST IN LITERATURE AND FILM	
ENG 360	*NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE	
SOC 452	SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION	
WGSS 295	*FEMINISM AND THE BIBLE	
WGSS 380	*MUSLIM WOMEN	
<b>Remaining Core Ed, CLA Core, BA/BS Requirements and Electives</b>		<b>128</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>180</b>

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- + Core Education course. Applies to general education requirements for undergraduate students in catalog year 2025-2026 and beyond
- ^ Writing Intensive Curriculum (WIC) course

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*Degree plans are subject to change and the following is only an example of how students may complete their degree in four years. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best degree plan for them. Contact details for advisors can be found on the Academic Advising (<https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/advising/>) page.*

## Bachelor of Science

First Year		Credits
<b>Fall</b>		
REL 160/PHL 160	+*RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	4
WR 121Z	+*COMPOSITION I	4
Core Ed: Transitions		2
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Winter</b>		
Core Ed: Quantitative Literacy & Analysis		4
Core Ed: Communication, Media & Society		3-4
CLA Core: Humanities		3-4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Category A Course		4
BS Math or Stats		4
Core Ed: Arts & Humanities General		3-4
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Category B Course		4
CLA Core: Social Science		3-4
Core Ed: Difference, Power & Oppression Foundations		3-4
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

<b>Winter</b>		
Category A Course		4
Uncategorized Course		4
Core Ed: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Category B Course		4
Core Ed: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis		4
Uncategorized Course		3
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
REL 210/HST 210/PHL 210	+*RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES	4
Core Ed: Writing Elevation		3-4
CLA Core: Non-Western Culture		3-4
Upper-Division Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Winter</b>		
Uncategorized Course		4
BS Computer Science		4
Core Ed: Social Science		3-4
Upper-Division Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Uncategorized Course		4
BS Science		4
BS Math or Stats		4
Upper-Division Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Uncategorized Course		3
CLA Core: Fine Arts		3-4
Upper-Division Elective		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Winter</b>		
REL 407	^SEMINAR	4
Core Ed: Seeking Solutions		3-4
CLA Core: Additional Course		3-4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
REL 467/PHL 467	+*DECOLONIZING THE CANON	4
REL 497/HST 497/PHL 497	+*PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT	2
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>180</b>

## Bachelor of Arts

First Year		Credits
<b>Fall</b>		
REL 160/PHL 160	+*RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	4
WR 121Z	+*COMPOSITION I	4
Language 111		4

Core Ed: Transitions	2
<b>Credits</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Winter</b>	
Language 112	4
Core Ed: Communication, Media & Society	3-4
Core Ed: Quantitative Literacy & Analysis	4
Elective	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
Category A Course	4
Language 113	4
Core Ed: Arts & Humanities General	3-4
CLA Core: Humanities	3-4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
Category B Course	4
Uncategorized Course	3
Language 211	4
CLA Core: Social Science	3-4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Winter</b>	
Category A Course	4
Category B Course	4
Language 212	4
Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
Uncategorized Course	4
Language 213	4
Core Ed: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis	4
Core Ed: Difference, Power & Oppression Foundations	3-4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
REL 210/HST 210/PHL +*RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES 210	4
Core Ed: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis	4
CLA Core: Non-Western Culture	3-4
Upper-Division Elective	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Winter</b>	
Uncategorized Course	4
Core Ed: Social Science	3-4
Upper-Division Elective	4
Elective	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
REL 467/PHL 467 +*DECOLONIZING THE CANON	4
Uncategorized Course	4
CLA Core: Additional Course	3-4
Upper-Division Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
Uncategorized Course	3
CLA Core: Fine Arts	3-4
Core Ed: Seeking Solutions	3-4
Upper-Division Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Winter</b>	
REL 407 ^*SEMINAR	1
Core Ed: Writing Elevation	3-4
Elective	4
Elective	3
Elective	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
REL 497/PHL497/HST +*PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT 497	2
Elective	4
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
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	<b>180</b>

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