

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 (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

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

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

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 course work, to include:

Code	Title	Credits
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/ JEWISH 215	The Sabbath	
RELIG ST 280	Witches and Wizards: from Hecate to Harry Potter	
RELIG ST 300	America and Religions	
RELIG ST 320	Prophets and Poets: Women, Writing and Religion in a Time of War, 1642-1660	
RELIG ST/ AFRICAN 408	Everyday Religion in Africa	

RELIG ST 302	Christianity: Interpretation and Practice	RELIG ST/ HISTORY 411	The Enlightenment and Its Critics
RELIG ST/ GEN&WS 305	Women, Gender and Religion	RELIG ST/ AFRICAN 414	Islam in Africa and the Diaspora
RELIG ST/ASIAN/ HISTORY 308	Introduction to Buddhism	RELIG ST 420	Religious Studies Colloquium
RELIG ST/ HISTORY/ MEDIEVAL 309	The Crusades: Christianity and Islam	RELIG ST/ POLI SCI 433	Religion and Politics
RELIG ST 311	Sects and Cults	RELIG ST/ ENGL 434	Milton
RELIG ST/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 328	Classical Rabbinic Literature in Translation	RELIG ST/ ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 440	Poverty, Ecology and the Arts: St. Francis of Assisi
RELIG ST/ HIST SCI/ MED HIST 331	Science, Medicine and Religion	RELIG ST/ ASIAN 466	Buddhist Thought
RELIG ST/ CLASSICS/ HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 332	Prophets of the Bible	RELIG ST/ ASIAN 473	Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism
RELIG ST 333	Early Christian Literature: Matthew-Revelation	RELIG ST 475	Religion, Global and Public Health
RELIG ST/ CLASSICS/ JEWISH 335	King David in History and Tradition	RELIG ST 478	
RELIG ST/ JEWISH 340	The American Jewish Life of DNA	RELIG ST 500	Advanced Topics in Religious Studies
RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL/ SCAND ST 342	Nordic Mythology	RELIG ST/ PHILOS 501	Philosophy of Religion
RELIG ST/ ANTHRO 343	Anthropology of Religion	RELIG ST/ CURRIC/ ED POL 516	Religion and Public Education
RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE 352	Shamanism	RELIG ST/ CLASSICS/ HISTORY 517	Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean
RELIG ST/ ASIAN 306	Hinduism	RELIG ST/ ASIAN 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought
RELIG ST/ENGL/ HISTORY 360	Early Medieval England	Capstone	
RELIG ST 361	Early Christian Literature: Pauline Christianity	RELIG ST 600	Religion in Critical Perspective 3
RELIG ST/ AFRICAN/ ASIAN 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	Electives: Any course from RELIG ST 100 through 699	9
RELIG ST/ ART HIST 373	Mecca, Cairo, Istanbul, Delhi: Great Cities of Islam	Total Credits	30
RELIG ST/ COM ARTS 374	The Rhetoric of Religion	RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK	
RELIG ST 400	Topics in Religious Studies - Humanities	<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 	
RELIG ST 401	Topics in Religious Studies - Social Studies	¹ Courses counting as upper-level in the major are any RELIG ST courses at the Intermediate or Advanced level.	
RELIG ST 403	Topics in Religious Studies-US Ethnic Studies	HONORS IN THE MAJOR	
RELIG ST 406	The Amish	Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Religious Studies undergraduate advisor.	
RELIG ST 410	Children and Religion in America	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.