

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

Summer 2014 through Spring 2015

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	36	Upper-Division Within Major	21
Grade Point Averages:			
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - 2.25 OU - 2.25			
48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED			

Religious Studies

B820

Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/>

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

a. English Composition (6 hours, 2 courses)

1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing

b. Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)

The College of Arts and Sciences requirement *cannot be met by high school coursework.*

1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____
2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____
3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____
One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.

c. Mathematics (3 hours, 1 course). _____

Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.

- ♦ **1. Biological Science** _____
Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO.
- ♦ **2. Physical Science** _____
Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
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Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)

- a. Understanding Artistic Forms** (3 hours, 1 course) _____
- b. Western Civilization and Culture** (6 hours, 2 courses)
1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,
 2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)
- c. Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course): _____
- d. Additional Core IV Humanities courses** (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.
- ♦ 1. _____
 - ♦ 2. _____

Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): _____

- ♦ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - continued

No course may be used more than once to satisfy major requirements. Courses counted for the major may not be used for other majors or minors, except for support requirements. A grade of C or better must be earned for each course fulfilling requirements for the Religious Studies degree.

I. Introductory Courses—six hours.

A. RELS 1113, Intro. to Religious Studies

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| 3 | | PSY 4733, Social Psychology & Religion |
| | | RELS 3043, Topics-Religion, Social Org. & Politics |
| | | RELS 3213, Religion and Violence |
| | | RELS 3313, World Religions in America |
| | | RELS 3413, Approaches to the Study of Religion |
| | | RELS 3543, Islamic Law |
| | | RELS 3623, Discovering the Apostle Paul |
| | | RELS 3633, Religious Leaders for Social Justice |
| | | SOC 3873, Religion & Society |
| | | WGS 3463, Women and Religion in the Abrahamic Trad. |

B. One course, three hours chosen from:

- ANTH1823, Religion in Everyday Life
- PHIL 1203, Philosophy & Human Destiny
- PHIL 2403, Intro. to Philosophy of Religion
- RELS 2003, Topics in Intro. to Religious Studies
- RELS 2403, Comparative Religion
- RELS 2413, Religion, Culture, Meaning of Life

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C. Religion and History

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| 3 | | HIST 2503, American Jews/Jewish Americans |
| | | HIST 3113, The Crusades |
| | | HIST 3143, The Era of the Reformation |
| | | HIST 3203, Transformation of the Jews |
| | | HIST 3413, The History of Ancient Israel |
| | | HIST 3683, Jewish Mysticism |
| | | HIST 3733, History of Heaven and Hell |
| | | HIST 3893, Culture & Society in the Middle East |
| | | HIST 3950, Topics in Middle Eastern History |
| | | HIST 3963, Rebirth of Israel |
| | | HIST 3973, Judaism - A Religious History |
| | | HIST 3983, Medieval Jewish History |
| | | HIST 3993, The Evolution of Martyrdom |
| | | HIST 4003, Jews and Other Germans |
| | | HIST 4023, Inquisitions |
| | | HSCI 2453, God and Nature |
| | | HSCI 3443, Science in a Religious World |
| | | HSCI 3453, Science & Civilization in Islam |
| | | HSCI 3823, Science in Medieval Culture |
| | | RELS 3053, Special Topics in Religion & History |
| | | RELS 3153, Historical Jesus |
| | | RELS 3673, Church Fathers |
| | | RELS 3683, Christian Heresies |

II. The Variety of Religious Traditions— nine hours;
at least one course from three of the following groups.

A. Judaism

HIST 3973, Judaism - A Religious History

B. Christianity

RELS 3133, Intro. to Christianity

C. Islam

- IAS 2413, Islam
- RELS 2303, Islamic Religious Tradition
- RELS 2503, Interpreting Muslim Voices

D. Asian Traditions

- PHIL/IAS 1223, Intro. to Asian Philosophy
- PHIL 3303, East Asian Philosophy
- RELS 2703, Intro. to Buddhism
- RELS 2713, Intro. to Hinduism

E. Indigenous Traditions

NAS 3113, Native American Philosophy

F. Other Traditions

- RELS 2013, Intro. to Religious Traditions
- RELS 3023, Special Topics in Religious Traditions
- RELS 3663, Roman Religion
- RELS 3693, Greek Religion

III. Approaches to Religious Studies— nine hours;
at least one course from three of the following groups.
Students should consult with the departmental adviser for specific content offered under variable topics courses.

A. Religion, Literature, and the Arts:

- A HI 3263, Survey of Byzantine Art/Architecture
- A HI 4233, Medieval Art I: Early Christian
- A HI 4243, Medieval Art II: Romanesque
- A HI 4253, Medieval Art III: Gothic
- A HI 4273, Byzantine Icons
- A HI 4913, Seminar: Survey of Asian Art
- AFAM 3143, Gospel Music
- ENGL 3653, The Bible as Literature
- HIST 4603, Genesis Through Jewish Eyes
- HIST 4613, Old Testament: An Introduction
- HIST 4973, The Bible Since Enlightenment (topic)
- MLLL 3063, Survey of Jewish Literature
- MLLL 3073, The Hebrew Bible as Literature
- MLLL 4993, Epics of India
- RELS 2143, Introduction to the Bible
- RELS 3013, Special Topics in Religious Texts
- RELS 3033, Special Topics-Religion, Lit., & the Arts
- RELS 3143, Christian Scriptures
- RELS 3533, The Qur'an
- RELS 3573, Jesus in the World's Religions
- RELS 3583, Comparative Sacred Texts
- RELS 3653, Jesus On Screen and Off

D. Religion and Philosophy

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| 3 | | PHIL 3283, Religion & the Environment |
| | | PHIL 3303, East Asian Philosophy |
| | | PHIL 3423, Ancient & Medieval Religious Philosophy |
| | | PHIL 3433, Modern Philosophy of Religion |
| | | PHIL 3443, Cont. Issues in Philosophy of Religion |
| | | PHIL 3733, Religion in Political Theory |
| | | PHIL/IAS 3343, Chinese Philosophy |
| | | PHIL/IAS 4343, Early Chinese Philosophy |
| | | PHIL 4473, Philosophy of Religion |
| | | RELS 3063, Special Topics in Religion & Philosophy |
| | | RELS 3303, Conceptions of the Afterlife |
| | | RELS 3563, Islamic Theology |
| | | RELS 3723, Buddhist Meditation Traditions |

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IV. Electives - nine hours; three courses chosen from those listed under I. II. and III., or courses chosen from the following group:

- RELS 2900, Special Topics in RELS
- RELS 3643, Study Abroad
- RELS 3900, Special Topics

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V. Capstone Course—three hours

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| | | RELS 4323, Capstone | 3 |
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Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

UPPER-DIVISION HOURS: A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

MAJOR WORK: A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled “Independent Study”): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. COURSES: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

RESIDENCY:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

GRADEPOINT AVERAGES: Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

SPECIAL DEGREES: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION: Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. The graduation application is available on line on your Ozone site. Deadlines for the OU Graduation Application are: **March 1** for Spring certification and the University of Oklahoma Commencement book; **July 1** for Summer graduation certification; and, **October 1** for Fall graduation certification.

Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Religious Studies - B820

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Religious Studies academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Religious Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or	3
	MATH (Core I)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	RELS 1113, Intro. to Religious Studies	3	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	Religious Studies Major Requirement: Introductory Course*†‡	3
			Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			Social Science (Core III)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17
SOPHOMORE	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or	3	†Religious Traditions Major Requirement	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	3	†Religious Studies Conceptual Groupings Requirement	3
	†Religious Traditions Major Requirement	3	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)*	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
JUNIOR	†Religious Traditions Major Requirement, upper-division	3	†Religious Studies Conceptual Groupings Requirement, upper-division†	3
	†Religious Studies Conceptual Groupings Requirement, upper-division	3	Religious Studies Major Elective, upper-division	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)‡	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division §	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	† Religious Studies Major Elective, upper-division†	3	RELS 4323, Capstone (Capstone)	3
	Religious Studies Major Elective, upper-division	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

*If the Western Civilization & Culture Gen. Ed. requirement is satisfied by the Religious Studies Introductory course, a lower-division elective is to be selected.

† The Religious Studies major requires 21 upper-division hours within the major; therefore, some of the major requirement courses listed in the semester grid must be selected at the upper-division level to ensure this requirement is met.

‡ If the Non-Western Culture Gen. Ed. requirement is satisfied by ANTH 1823 as the Religious Studies Introductory course, a lower-division elective is to be selected.

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.

*This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELLH 124, 325-4411, <http://ou.edu/cas>. Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at <https://iadvise.ou.edu/>.