

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
(Robinson Hall B441, 703-993-5639)
<http://religious.gmu.edu>
2018 - 2019 CATALOG

	<u>Department(s) & Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
<u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*34)</u>			
a. Written Communication: ENGH 101 (100), ENGH 302 (C or better) (3,3)		___ ___	___ ___
b. Oral Communication: COMM 100 or 101 (circle choice) (3)		___	___
c. Quantitative Reasoning (3)		___	___
d. Literature (3)		___	___
e. Arts (3)		___	___
f. Western Civilization (3)		___	___
g. Social & Behavioral Science (3)		___	___
h. Natural Science (4,3)		___	___
i. Global Understanding (satisfied by completion of major requirements)		___	___
j. Information Technology (3)		___	___
k. Synthesis (may satisfied by RELI 490)		___	___

Go to: <http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/> to link to information on Mason Core requirements.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (*0-9)

- a. Foreign Language: Intermediate level in a single foreign language.
- b. Philosophy or Religious Studies (**satisfied by completion of major requirements**)
- c. Three credits in social & behavioral sciences in addition to the university-wide requirement in social & behavioral science for a total of 6 credits. The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380.
- d. Non-Western Culture (**satisfied by RELI 211 or 212**)

*The number of hours needed to fulfill Mason Core requirements may vary; see the University Catalog for information. The two courses used to fulfill the college and university requirements for social & behavioral sciences must be from different disciplines.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (33 hours required)

- a. RELI 211, 212 (3,3)
- b. Two courses in comparative or methodological aspects of religious studies: ANTH 313, PHIL 313, RELI 337, RELI 341, RELI 490, SOCI 385 (RELI 376 may be used when the subject matter is appropriate with approval of the undergraduate director) (circle choices)(3,3)
- c. Senior Seminar (RELI 420) (writing intensive course) (3)
- d. Twelve hours of upper level (300, 400 level) course work in RELI that are not included in b. or c. (12)
 - 1. RELI _____ 2. RELI _____
 - 3. RELI _____ 4. RELI _____
- e. Six additional hours in Religious Studies or related disciplines (list courses) (6)
 - 1. _____ 2. _____

Students should choose elective courses in consultation with an advisor. They can choose from courses in religious studies, related disciplines (including anthropology, art history, and history), or a scriptural language (such as Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Classical Greek, Latin, or Sanskrit). Up to 6 credits of a scriptural language may be used to fulfill this requirement and the requirement of 12 credits in religious studies at 300 and 400 level.

A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

GENERAL ELECTIVES Only 400-MLSC courses can be used for credit towards degree; other MLSC courses will not receive credit. 3 credits max of 100-level RECR may be applied toward student's general electives. (List courses)

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MINIMUM 120 HOURS (including Minimum 45 UPPER DIVISION HOURS) to GRADUATE

This planning form is intended to be used in consultation with your academic advisor and reflects the requirements for the 2018 - 2019 Catalog; the University Catalog is the official reference for program requirements.

Fall Semester One	15 credits
RELI 211, Religions of the West (global understanding)	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign language 110	6
Arts	3

Spring Semester One	16 credits
RELI 212, Religions of Asia (non-western culture)	3
Natural science with lab	4
Foreign language 201	3
Social and Behavioral Science	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3

Fall Semester Two	15 credits
Western Civilization/World History	3
Literature	3
Social and Behavioral Science (college)	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3
Foreign Language 202	3

Spring Semester Two	15 credits
Natural science without lab	3
RELI upper-level elective*	3
Minor course/general elective	3
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General elective	3

Fall Semester Three	15 credits
Comparative or Methodological aspects of religion	3
Information Technology	3
ENGH 302	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Upper-level elective	3

Spring Semester Three	15 credits
RELI upper-level elective	3
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RELI related elective**	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Upper-level elective	3

Fall Semester Four	15 credits
RELI related elective	3
RELI upper-level elective	3
RELI 490, Comparative Study of Religions (synthesis)	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3

Spring Semester Four	15 credits
RELI 420, Seminar	3
Minor course/general elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	3

*Students select four courses (12 credits) from any RELI course at the 300-400 level. Up to 6 credits of a scriptural language (Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Classical Greek, Latin, or Sanskrit) may be used for this requirement.

**Students choose from courses in RELI or related disciplines (including anthropology, art history, and history), or a scriptural language. Up to 6 credits of a scriptural language may be used to fulfill this requirement.

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Religious Studies majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet at least once per semester with an advisor to develop a unique degree plan. Students should keep the following in mind:

- Students in this major complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. No course applied to the major may be used to fulfill more than one requirement.
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list in the [2018-2019 Catalog](#).
- Students are strongly encouraged to group some of their general and upper-level electives together so as to take at least one minor. Please consult an academic advisor for guidance.