

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Religious Studies, BA**

Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades		
Mason Core Requirements (34-37 credits)	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Oral Communication:		3		
Quantitative Reasoning		3		
Information Technology		3		
Arts		3		
Global Understanding	Satisfied by Major Requirements			
Literature		3		
Natural Science Overview		3		
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3		
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	May be satisfied by RELI 490	0-3		
<b>College Level Requirements for the BA Degree</b>				
<b>Philosophy or Religious Studies</b>	Satisfied by Major Requirements			
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)				
<b>Additional Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b>		3		
(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)				
<b>Foreign Language</b>		0-12		
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)				
<b>Non-Western Culture</b>	Satisfied by Major Requirements			
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)				
<b>Major Requirements (33 credits) Minimum grade of C required in all major courses</b>				
RELI 211	Religions of the West (Mason Core)	3		
RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	3		
RELI 420	Seminar	3		
<b>Comparative or Methodological Aspects of Religion:</b> Choose two from the following: ANTH 313, PHIL 313, RELI 337, RELI 341, RELI 490, SOCI 385. (RELI 376 may be used when subject matter is appropriate with approval of undergraduate director).		3		
<b>Twelve (12) Credits of Upper-level Religious Studies</b> (Not including RELI 420 or comparative/methodological coursework):				
RELI #1		3		
RELI #2		3		
RELI #3		3		
RELI #4		3		
<b>Six (6) additional credits in RELI or related disciplines</b> (Choose in consultation with advisor; courses may be in RELI, ANTH, ARTH, HIST or scriptural language (Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Classical Greek, Latin, or Sanskrit). Up to six credits of scriptural language may be used for this requirement and the requirement of 12 credits in RELI at the 300/400 level):				
Major Elective #1		3		
Major Elective #2		3		
<b>Degree Notes</b>				
Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level.				
Advisor Notes:				

<b>Year One – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
RELI 211, Religions of the West (global understanding)	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign language 110	6
Arts	3

<b>Year One – Semester Two</b>	<b>16 credits</b>
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

<b>Year Two – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
Western Civilization/World History	3
Literature	3
Social and Behavioral Science (college)	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3
Foreign Language 202	3

<b>Year Two – Semester Two</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
Natural science without lab	3
RELI upper-level elective*	3
Minor course/general elective	3
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General elective	3

<b>Year Three – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
Comparative or Methodological aspects of religion	3
Information Technology	3
ENGH 302	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Upper-level elective	3

<b>Year Three – Semester Two</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
RELI upper-level elective	3
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RELI related elective**	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Upper-level elective	3

<b>Year Four – Semester One</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
RELI related elective	3
RELI upper-level elective	3
RELI 490, Comparative Study of Religions (synthesis)	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
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<b>Year Four – Semester Two</b>	<b>15 credits</b>
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 [2019-2020 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.