

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN: 2016-17

Fall Semester One	15 credits
RELI 211, Religions of the West (global understanding)	3
ENGH 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 210	3
Social and Behavioral Science	3
Oral Communication	3

Fall Semester Two	15 credits
Western Civilization/World History	3
Literature	3
Social and Behavioral Science	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester Two	15 credits
Natural science without lab	3
Information Technology/Ethics	3
Minor course/general elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	3

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

Spring Semester Three	15 credits
Comparative or Methodological aspects of religion	3
RELI upper-level elective	3
RELI upper-level 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
RELI related elective**	3
Minor course/general elective	3
Minor course/general elective	3
General elective	3

*Students may choose Religious Studies-related electives from courses in religious studies, anthropology, art history, history, or a scriptural language (Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Classical Greek, Latin, or Sanskrit).

**Students may choose RELI electives at the 300-400 level. Up to 6 credits of a scriptural language may be used for this requirement.

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Religious Studies majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly, at least once per semester, with an academic advisor to work through their own 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.
- Physical education courses (prefix PHED, PRLS, and RECR) do not count towards the 120-credit requirement
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list available under their catalog year in the University Catalog: <http://catalog.gmu.edu>
- 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.