

Religion Major Pathways

IMPORTANT: This document is meant to serve as an example and a planning tool. It is *not* a substitute for meeting with your academic advisor. Be sure to review your course plans with your advisor and check DegreeWorks regularly to keep track of your progress toward graduation.

The course scheduling details shared here are for planning purposes only. They do not guarantee when or how often specific courses will be offered. Course offerings can change depending on faculty availability and student demand. For the most up-to-date and accurate information, always check the online course schedule and consult with your academic advisor.

Keep in mind that there are many different ways to complete a major or program of study, including opportunities like study away or other special options. Your advisor can help you design an academic pathway that best fits your goals and interests.

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Year	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Important Notes
First	FYE		- Must take 1, 2, or 3 of 2xx or 3xx for a total of 6 courses to meet our internal distribution requirement in these areas: Scriptural Studies - REL 109 - Introduction to the Hebrew Bible - REL 110 - Literature of the New Testament: - REL 204 - Scripture in Judaism, Christianity and Islam - REL 212 - Sacred Texts of Asia - REL 219 - Gender and Sexual Violence in the Bible - REL 310 - New Testament: Acts and Letters - REL 342 - Liberation Theology Western Religious Traditions - REL 204 - Scripture in Judaism, Christianity and Islam - REL 219 - Gender and Sexual Violence in the Bible - REL 223 - Religion in Contemporary America - REL 232 - Faith after the Holocaust - REL 282 - Music and Worship in World Cultures - REL 285 - Russian Jewish Culture - REL 322 - Judaism: Faith and Practice - REL 342 - Liberation Theology Asian and Non-Western Religious Traditions - REL 107 - Introduction to Hinduism - REL 108 - Engaged Buddhism - REL 212 - Sacred Texts of Asia - REL 316 - Islam: Faith and Practice - REL 326 - Buddhism: Thought and Action - REL 357 - Indigenous Religions Contemporary and Comparative Religious Thought - REL 103 - Introduction to Comparative Religion * If not already taken - REL 142 - Religion and Sexuality - REL 162 - Perspectives on Death and Dying - REL 204 - Scripture in Judaism, Christianity and Islam - REL 208 - Religion in Modern Literature
	REL 102 or 103	REL 102 or 103, or REL 1XX	
		REL 2XX or	

			- REL 223 - Religion in Contemporary America - REL 225 - The Philosophy of Religion - REL 230 - Mysticism and Spirituality - REL 232 - Faith after the Holocaust - REL 235 - Mental, Physical, and Spiritual Well-being: A Comparative Religious Perspective - REL 242 - Religion and Ecology - REL 276 - Religion and Plants - REL 277 - Religion and Animals - REL 365 - Smells and Bells: The Sensual Dimension of Religions
Second	REL 1XX or REL 2XX	REL 1XX or REL 2XX	•
	REL 2XX	REL 2XX	
Third	REL 2XX or 3XX	REL 2XX or 3XX	Must take at least three 3xx or higher courses, which can include REL 401 or the equivalent
Fourth	REL 401 Senior Seminar or the equivalent		- Must take at least three 3xx or higher courses, which can include REL 401 or the equivalent - Optional Honors Thesis: REL 500 Fall and Spring
	[REL 500]	[REL 500]	

*Religion major distribution requirement options. Each Religion major concentrates in one of these 4 areas, and each concentration as has three options as follows:

- **Scriptural Primary** Option 1 (3 Scripture, 2 Western, 1 Asian/Non Western or Contemporary); Scriptural Primary Option 2 (3 Scripture, 2 Asian/Non-Western, 1 Contemporary or Western); Scriptural Primary Option 3 (3 Scripture, 2 Contemporary, 1 Western or Asian/Non-Western)
- **Western Primary** Option 1 (3 Western, 2 Scriptural, 1 Asian/Non-Western or Contemporary); Western Primary Option 2 (3 Western, 2 Asian/Non-Western, 1 Scriptural or Contemporary); Western Primary Option 3 (3 Western, 2 Contemporary, 1 Scriptural or Asian/Non-Western)

- **Asian/Non-Western Primary** Option 1 (3 Asian/Non-Western, 2 Contemporary, 1 Scriptural or Western);
Asian/Non-Western Primary Option 2 (3 Asian/Non-Western, 2 Scripture, 1 Western or Contemporary);
Asian/Non-Western Primary Option 3 (3 Asian/Non-Western, 2 Western, 1 Scripture or Contemporary)
- **Contemporary Primary** Option 1 (3 Contemporary, 2 Scripture, 1 Western or Asian/Non-Western);
Contemporary Primary Option 2 (3 Contemporary, 2 Western, 1 Scripture or Asian/Non-Western);
Contemporary Primary Option 1 (3 Contemporary, 2 Asian/Non-Western, 1 Scripture or Western)

We recommend that majors not overthink this. Most students meet them simply by taking what Religion courses they want when they want. Major advisors will review schedules with Religion majors in their junior year to confirm that they are indeed on track to meet the distribution requirement.