

This roadmap is a **suggested** semester-by-semester planning guide for this major. It is a model four-year plan, not a guaranteed sequence or contract. Course availability may vary from semester to semester. Roadmaps are not meant to cover every possibility. They are intended to provide guidance in planning your academic path. **Roadmaps should be reviewed in consultation with your advisor.**

KEY			
Course Subject and Number:	Lists the course subject and number (ex. MATH 111; ARTH 101).		
Credit Hrs:	Lists how many credit hours the course is worth. Courses listed with a range of credit hours depend on course selection.		
Min. Grade:	Lists if the major has a minimum grade requirement for this course.		
Critical:	TIME = Timing. This course must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.		
GenEd	Indicates whether or not this major course can also fulfill a general education requirement.		
	ENGL: GenEd First Year Writing	HUMS: GenEd Humanities	SOSCI: GenEd Social Science
	FLANG: GenEd Foreign Language	MATH: GenEd Math	
	HIST: GenEd History	NATSCI: GenEd Natural Science	
Course Notes:	Lists important information about the course or the timing of the course.		
General Education Requirement			
First-Year Writing:	Complete English (ENGL) 110, Introduction to Academic Writing, or one of the approved course credit combinations satisfying the first-year writing general education requirement.		Math/Logic: Complete 6 credit hours from the list of approved courses satisfying the math or logic general education requirement.
Foreign Language:	Complete the 202-level or its equivalent or demonstrate proficiency at that level of an approved course satisfying the foreign language general education requirement.		Natural Science: Complete 8 credit hours of an introductory or higher sequence (of which 2 credit hours must be earned in the accompanying laboratories) from the list of approved course sequences satisfying the natural science general education requirement.
History:	Complete one course in pre-modern history and one course in modern history from the list of approved courses satisfying the history general education requirement (6 credit hours). The two courses do not have to be taken from the same department or in sequence.		Social Sciences: Complete 6 credit hours from the list of approved courses satisfying the social science general education requirement.
Humanities:	Complete 12 credit hours from the list of approved courses satisfying the humanities general education requirement with no more than 6 credit hours with the same acronym.		General Education Resources: Approved course listings for each requirement can be found on: http://registrar.cofc.edu/general-edu/index.php
Degree Requirements			
Minimum GPA		Minimum Credit Hours	
Major	Cumulative	122 credit hours	
2.00	2.00	Additional hours are required for earning more than one degree. Consult your academic catalog	

For additional information on course descriptions, pre-requisites and degree requirements for this major, please consult your [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

First Year					
Semester One					
Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
General Education Requirement	3-4				See note #1
General Education Requirement	3-4				See note #2
General Education Requirement	3-4				
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General Education Requirement	3-4				
Semester Two					
Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
RELS 101 or 105	3			HUMS	This is a requirement for the major that can be satisfied either by RELS 101 or 105. If you are just starting at the College and have never taken a Religious Studies course, then either RELS 101 or 105 provide an excellent introduction to the discipline.
General Education Requirement	3-4				
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First Year Notes					
<p>Note 1: The General Education First-Year Writing requirement should be completed within the first or second semester.</p> <p>Note 2: First-Year Experience Requirement: All entering students with less than one year of college experience are required to complete a First-Year Experience (First-Year Seminar (FYSM), a Learning Community (LC), or an Honors College First-Year Experience course) within their first three consecutive academic terms.</p>					

Second Year

Semester Three

Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
1 course from RELS 250 or 260 or 270	3			HUMS	One of these three courses is required for the major in order to satisfy the distribution requirement on the topic of American religions
General Education Requirement	3-4				
General Education Requirement	3-4				
General Education Requirement	3-4				
General Education Requirement	3-4				

Semester Four

Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
RELS 210	3				This is a required course for the major and a prerequisite for RELS 450 and 451. Ideally, it should be taken in the first 18 hours of the major.
1 course from RELS 201 or 202 or 205	3				One of these three courses is required for the major in order to satisfy the distribution requirement on the topic of sacred texts.
General Education Requirement	3-4				
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General Education Requirement	3-4				

Second Year Notes

Note 1: This roadmap assumes that the student declares the RELS major in the second semester of the Sophomore year, after taking two RELS courses. In practice, many students do not declare the RELS major until later.

Note 2: Because the discipline of Religious Studies is interdisciplinary and our major is flexible, many Religious Studies majors choose to pursue a double major. For example, if you use 2 PSYC courses to satisfy the General Education Social Science requirement, you can use 10 of the 14 electives to complete a BA in PSYC (36 credit hours) and still graduate in 4 years.

Note 3: Are you considering studying abroad your junior or senior year? Check in with the Religious Studies faculty member who is your assigned advisor and the Center for International Education this term: <http://www.cofc.edu/international>.

Third Year

Semester Five

Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
1 course from RELS 225 or 230 or 235	3				One of these three courses is required for the major in order to satisfy the distribution requirement on the topic of western Abrahamic religions.
RELS 200-level course or higher	3				Required for the major
General Education Requirement	3-4				
General Education Requirement	3-4				
General Education Requirement	3-4				

Semester Six

Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
1 course from RELS 240 or 245 or 248	3				One of these three courses is required for the major in order to satisfy the distribution requirement on the topic of Asian religions
RELS 300-level course	3				Required for the major
General Education Requirement	3-4				
General Education Requirement	3-4				
General Education Requirement	3-4				

Third Year Notes

Note 1: Are you considering studying abroad your senior year? Check in with the Religious Studies faculty member who is your assigned advisor and the Center for International Education this term: <http://www.cofc.edu/international>.

Note 2: HONS students (and other students who want to complete a Bachelor's Essay) should begin planning the essay during the Spring of semester of the Junior year. Please see the Religious Studies Handbook or meet with your Religious Studies faculty member who is your assigned advisor for more information.

Note 3: Visit the Career Center to become familiar with the resources it offers and to learn more about different career options that reflect your interests, strengths and goals. The Career Center can also provide advice to you on writing a resume. It is good to start your resume early and build on it during your time at the College so that you are ready for unexpected job openings as well as for career fairs sponsored by the College.

Fourth Year

Semester Seven

Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
RELS 450	3				This is a required course
RELS Elective (any level)	3				
General Elective	3-4				
General Elective	3-4				
General Elective	3-4				

Semester Eight

Course Subject and Number	Credit Hrs.	Min. Grade	Critical	GenEd	Course Notes
RELS 451	1				This is a required course that should be taken after completing RELS 450
RELS 300-level course	3				Required for the major
General Elective	3-4				
General Elective	3-4				
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Fourth Year Notes

Note 1: Don't forget to apply to graduate in MyCharleston!

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