Religious Studies Major Requirements
Catalog Year: 2013-14
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Credit Hours: 34

“PR” indicates a pre-requisite. “CO” indicates a co-requisite.

Courses within this major may also satisfy general education requirements. Please consult http://registrar.cofc.edu/general-edu for more information.

Required Courses

☐ RELS 101 Approaches to Religion (3) PR: None
OR
☐ RELS 105 World Religions (3) PR: None

AND

☐ RELS 210 Theories in the Study of Religion (3) PR: None

AND

☐ RELS 450 Senior Seminar in Religious Studies (3) PR: RELS 210 and 9 credit hours in RELS

AND

☐ RELS 451 Capstone Colloquium (1) PR: RELS 2100, RELS 450, junior or senior standing, declared Religious Studies major, 12 credit hours in RELS; or instructor permission

One sacred text courses selected from the following:

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RELS 201 The Hebrew Bible: History & Interpretation (3) PR: None
RELS 202 The New Testament: History & Interpretation (3) PR: None
RELS 205 Sacred Texts of the East (3) PR: None
*RELS 310 Sacred Texts (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

Note: *RELS 310 cannot be used to satisfy both the Sacred Text course requirement and the two additional courses at the 300 level or above requirement.

Select one course from each of the following groups (A, B and C):

Group A (choose one):

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RELS 223 Religions of the Near East (3) PR: None
RELS 225 The Jewish Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 230 The Christian Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 235 The Islamic Tradition (3) PR: None
Group B (choose one):

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RELS 240  The Buddhist Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 245  The Hindu Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 248  Religious Traditions of China and Japan (3) PR: None

Group C (choose one):

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RELS 250  Religion in America (3) PR: None
RELS 260  Native American Religions (3) PR: None
RELS 270  African-American Religions (3) PR: None

Select one additional course at the 200-level or above:

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RELS 201  The Hebrew Bible: History & Interpretation (3) PR: None
RELS 202  The New Testament: History & Interpretation (3) PR: None
RELS 205  Sacred Texts of the East (3) PR: None
RELS 220  Comparative Religious Ethics (3) PR: None
RELS 225  The Jewish Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 230  The Christian Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 235  The Islamic Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 240  The Buddhist Tradition (3) PR: None
RELS 245  The Religions of India (3) PR: None
RELS 248  Religious Traditions of China and Japan (3) PR: None
RELS 250  Religions in America (3) PR: None
RELS 255  Philosophy of Religion (3) PR: None
RELS 260  Native American Religions (3) PR: None
RELS 270  African-American Religions (3) PR: None
RELS 275  Religious Traditions and Scientific Inquiry (3) PR: None
RELS 280  Religion and Film (3) PR: None
RELS 285  Religion and Feminism (3) PR: None
RELS 298  Special Topics in Religious Studies (3) PR: None
Select two additional courses at the 300-level or above:

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<td>Bachelor's Essay (6) PR: Either 9 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission</td>
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Select one additional course in religious studies from any of the courses listed (RELS 100-level or higher).

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Notes:

- With the approval of the department chair of religious studies, one course (200-level or above) in a related discipline may be substituted for one of the additional course requirements.