# Religious Studies Major Requirements

**Catalog Year:** 2014-15  
**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](http://registrar.cofc.edu/general-edu) for more information.

## Required Courses

- **RELS 101 Approaches to Religion (3)**  
  PR: None

- **RELS 105 World Religions (3)**  
  PR: None

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

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

- **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:

- **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):

- **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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RELS 301  Mysticism and Religious Experiences (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 305  Topics in Indigenous Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 310  Sacred Texts (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 315  New Religious Movements (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 335  Western Esotericism (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 340  Advanced Topics in Asian Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 348  Asian Religions in America (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 350  Phenomenology of Religion (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 360  Myth, Ritual, and Symbol (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 365  Religion and Psychology (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 375  Topics in the History of Religions (3) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 381  Religious Studies Internship (1-4) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 399  Tutorial (3, Repeatable up to 12) PR: Either 3 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 405  Advanced Studies in Religion (3) PR: Either 9 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission
RELS 451
RELS 499  Bachelor's Essay (6) PR: Either 9 credit hours in RELS or instructor permission

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.