

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR (B.A.)

The Religious Studies major is designed to guide students in the study of religion as a social, cultural, and political force in today's world. Majors are required to enroll in four Core Courses in global traditions, approaches to the academic study of religion, and religious conflict and cooperation in the world today. Within this new set of Core requirements, students now have two capstone course options: a traditional research seminar or an engaged learning project.

Area Electives in the major allow students to explore foundational domains within the academic study of religion: specific faith traditions around the globe, sacred texts, approaches to the study of religion, and contemporary issues in religion.

120 credits of coursework is required for the baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

## Program Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	36-39
	World Languages and Cultures Requirements	3-9
	Major Requirements	36
	Free Electives <sup>1</sup>	45-36
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Graduate Swing Courses will count toward free electives for students in combined (UG/GR) programs.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
RELG 100	Religions of the World	3
RELG 101	Understanding Religion	3
RELG 275	Inter-religious Encounters	3
<b>Area Electives</b>		
<i>Global Traditions</i>		
	Complete two courses from the list below.	6
<i>Texts</i>		
	Complete two courses from the list below.	6
<i>Approaches</i>		
	Complete two courses from the list below.	6
<i>Issues</i>		
	Complete two courses from the list below.	6
<b>Seminar</b>		
RELG 400	Seminar	3
	or RELG 405 Engaged Learning Project	
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>36</b>

## Area Electives

### Global Traditions

Code	Title	Credits
RELG 185	The Arab World and Religion	
RELG 209	Introduction to Greek and Roman Religion	
RELG 213	Buddhism	
RELG 215	Hinduism	
RELG 217	Taoism	
RELG 223	Religion in the United States	
RELG 240	Asian Religions	
RELG 246	Islamic Religious Traditions	
RELG 250	African Religions	
RELG 252	Africana Religions in the Americas	
RELG 254	Native American Religion	
RELG 256	Religion in Latin America	
RELG 280	Study in World Religions	
RELG 380	Study in World Religions	

### Texts

Code	Title	Credits
RELG 200	Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures	
RELG 204	New Testament/Christian Scriptures	
RELG 207	American Religious Texts	
RELG 208	The Qur'an	
RELG 214	Asian Texts	
RELG 282	Study in Religious Texts	
RELG 382	Special Topics in Religious Texts	

### Approaches

Code	Title	Credits
RELG 221	Religion and Culture	
RELG 284	Religion and Society	
RELG 304	Feminist Views of Religion	
RELG 324	Religious Experience	
RELG 332	Myth, Meaning and Self	
RELG 362	Philosophy of Religion	
RELG 363	Psychology of Religion	
RELG 364	Religion, Culture and Society	
RELG 384	Religion and Society	

### Issues

Code	Title	Credits
RELG 102	Religious Ethics	
RELG 218	Death, Dying and Afterlife	
RELG 220	Religion and Ethical Issues	
RELG 225	Religion and Social Activism	
RELG 232	Body and Soul	
RELG 267	Women and Religion	
RELG 273	The Holocaust: Religious Perspectives	
RELG 286	Special Topics in Religious Issues	
RELG 301	Spirituality and Mysticism	
RELG 322	Religion and Peacemaking	
RELG 325	Atheism	

RELG 328	Jihad, Just War and the Prospect of Peace
RELG 386	Special Topics in Religious Issues

## General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill General Education categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/general-ed-ba-bs/>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>A. New Student Seminar</b>		
Complete a 1 credit New Student Seminar course.		1
<b>C. Communication</b>		
1. Writing		3
2. Literature		3
3. Communication		3
<b>D. Fine and Performing Arts</b>		
Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course.		3
<b>F. Humanities</b>		
1. Great Works and Their Influences		3
2. Philosophical and Religious Perspectives		
Fulfilled in the major.		
RELG 100	Religions of the World or RELG 101 Understanding Religion or RELG 102 Religious Ethics or RELG 221 Religion and Culture	3
<b>G. Computer Science</b>		
Complete a 3 credit Computer Science course.		3
<b>H. Mathematics</b>		
Complete a 3 credit Mathematics course.		3
<b>I. Natural Science Laboratory</b>		
Complete a 4 credit Natural Science Laboratory course.		4
<b>J. Physical Education</b>		
Complete a 1 credit Physical Education course.		1
<b>K. Social Science</b>		
1. American and European History		3
2. Global Cultural Perspectives		
May be fulfilled in the major. <sup>1</sup>		0-3
3. Social Science Perspectives		3
<b>L. Interdisciplinary Studies</b>		
Complete a 3 credit Interdisciplinary Studies course.		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36-39</b>

<sup>1</sup> Requirement may be fulfilled by RELG 240, RELG 246, RELG 250, RELG 254, or RELG 256 in the major.

## World Languages and Cultures Requirement

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill World Languages and Cultures categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/world-languages-cultures-requirement/>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>World Languages</b>		
Based on placement exam complete one or two sequential courses in 3-6 one language.		
<b>World Cultures</b>		
May be fulfilled in the major. <sup>1</sup>		0-3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3-9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Requirement may be fulfilled by RELG 240, RELG 246, RELG 250, RELG 254, or RELG 256 in the major.

## Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended four-year plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years. This plan is a recommendation and students should only use it in consultation with their academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (A) New Student Seminar		1
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C1) Writing		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (H) Mathematics or GENERAL EDUCATION: (G) Computer Science		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (J) Physical Education		1
GENERAL EDUCATION: (K1) Social Science – American and European History or GENERAL EDUCATION: (K2) Social Science – Global Cultural Perspectives		3
RELG 100 or RELG 101	Religions of the World or Understandi Religion	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C2) Literature		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (G) Computer Science or GENERAL EDUCATION: (H) Mathematics		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (I) Natural Science Laboratory		4
GENERAL EDUCATION: (K2) Social Science – Global Cultural Perspectives or GENERAL EDUCATION: (K1) Social Science – American and European History		3
RELG 101 or RELG 100	Understandi Religion or Religions of the World	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C3) Communication or GENERAL EDUCATION: (K3) Social Science – Social Science Perspectives		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (D) Fine and Performing Arts or Major Elective - Global		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (F1) Humanities – Great Works and Their Influences or GENERAL EDUCATION: (L) Interdisciplinary Studies		3
World Language 1		3
Major Elective - Texts		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C3) Communication or GENERAL EDUCATION: (K3) Social Science – Social Science Perspectives		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (D) Fine and Performing Arts or Major Elective - Global		3

GENERAL EDUCATION: (F1) Humanities – Great Works and Their Influences or GENERAL EDUCATION: (L) Interdisciplinary Studies		3
World Language 2		3
Major Elective - Texts		3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Major Elective - Approaches or Issues		3
Major Elective - Issues or Approaches		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Major Elective - Approaches or Issues		3
Major Elective - Issues or Approaches		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
RELG 275	Inter-religious Encounters	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
RELG 400 or RELG 405	Seminar or Engaged Learning Project	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>
	<b>Credits</b>	