

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES WITH TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER IN GRADES K-6 (B.A.)

Students who wish to pursue K-6 teacher certification in Elementary Education must apply to and be admitted to the Teacher Education Program. Please visit the Teacher Education Program website (<https://www.montclair.edu/center-of-pedagogy/>) for the required professional sequence of courses and other important Program requirements, guidelines, and procedures. Students also are strongly advised to review the Teacher Education Program Handbook.

120 credits of coursework is required for the baccalaureate degree with a minimum 3.0 overall GPA. Major GPA requirements differ depending on field of study. Consult the Teacher Education Program Handbook for more information.

## Program Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	18
	World Languages and Cultures Requirements	3-6
	Major Requirements	36
	Teacher Education Program Requirements	60
	Free Electives	3-0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

## Major Requirements

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

## Area Electives

### Texts

Code	Title	Credits
Complete two courses from the following:		6
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	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

### Issues

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Issues</i>		
Complete two courses from the following:		6
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 301	Spirituality and Mysticism	
RELG 304	Feminist Views of Religion	
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	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

### Approaches

Code	Title	Credits
Complete two courses from the following:		6
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	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

### Global Traditions

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course from the following:		3
RELG 185	The Arab World and Religion	
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	
Complete one course from the following:		3
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 301	Spirituality and Mysticism	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

## Teacher Education Program Requirements

Teacher Education Program Requirements (Teacher Certification in Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6) (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/teacher-education-program-requirements-k6/>)

## General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill General Education categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/general-education-requirements-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. <i>Writing</i>	3
	2. <i>Literature</i>	3
	3. <i>Communication</i>	
CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement (Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.)	
<b>D. Fine and Performing Arts</b>		
	Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course.	3
<b>F. Humanities</b>		
	1. <i>Great Works and Their Influences</i>	
RELG 200	Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures (Fulfilled in the major.)	
	or RELG 204 New Testament/Christian Scriptures	
	or RELG 207 American Religious Texts	
	or RELG 208 The Qur'an	
	or RELG 214 Asian Texts	
	or RELG 282 Study in Religious Texts	
	or RELG 382 Special Topics in Religious Texts	
	2. <i>Philosophical and Religious Perspectives</i>	
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education (Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.)	
<b>G. Computer Science</b>		

Complete a 3 credit Computer Science course. 3

### H. Mathematics

MTHM 201 Mathematics in Elementary Schools I (Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.)

### I. Natural Science Laboratory

Complete a 4 credit Natural Science Laboratory course that also fulfills the Teacher Education Health/Hygiene requirement. 4

### J. Physical Education

Complete a 1 credit Physical Education course. 1

### K. Social Science

#### 1. American and European History

EDFD 221 Historical Foundations of American Education (Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.)

#### 2. Global Cultural Perspectives

Fulfilled in the major.

RELG 185 The Arab World and Religion 3  
 or RELG 240 Asian Religions  
 or RELG 246 Islamic Religious Traditions  
 or RELG 250 African Religions  
 or RELG 254 Native American Religion  
 or RELG 256 Religion in Latin America

#### 3. Social Science Perspectives

PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.)

### L. Interdisciplinary Studies

Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.

ECEL 200 Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy

**Total Credits** 22

## World Languages and Cultures Requirements

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

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>		
Fulfilled in the major.		
RELG 185	The Arab World and Religion	
	or RELG 240 Asian Religions	
	or RELG 246 Islamic Religious Traditions	
	or RELG 250 African Religions	
	or RELG 254 Native American Religion	
	or RELG 256 Religion in Latin America	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3-6</b>

## 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.

### First Year

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Credits</b>
GENERAL EDUCATION: (A) New Student Seminar	1	GENERAL EDUCATION: (C2) Literature	3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C1) Writing	3	GENERAL EDUCATION: (C3) Communication	3
	<b>4</b>		<b>6</b>

**Total Credits 10**