

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 |
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| General Education Requirements | | 18 |
| World Languages and Cultures Requirements | | 3-6 |
| Major Requirements | | 36 |
| Teacher Education Program Requirements | | 60 |
| Free Electives | | 3-0 |
| Total Credits | | 120 |

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Courses | | |
| RELG 100 | Religions of the World | 3 |
| RELG 101 | Understanding Religion | 3 |
| RELG 275 | Inter-religious Encounters | 3 |
| Area Electives | | |
| <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 | |
| Total Credits | | 36 |

Area Electives

Texts

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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 | |
| Total Credits | | 6 |

Issues

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| <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 | |
| Total Credits | | 6 |

Approaches

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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 | |
| Total Credits | | 6 |

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 | |

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| 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 | |
| Total Credits | | 6 |

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 |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| A. New Student Seminar | | |
| | Complete a 1 credit New Student Seminar course. | 1 |
| C. Communication | | |
| | 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.) | |
| D. Fine and Performing Arts | | |
| | Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course. | 3 |
| F. Humanities | | |
| | 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.) | |
| G. Computer Science | | |

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.

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| 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 |
|---|------------------------------|------------|
| World Languages | | |
| Based on placement exam complete one or two sequential courses in 3-6 one language. | | |
| World Cultures | | |
| 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 | |
| Total Credits | | 3-6 |

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This 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 | | | |
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| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| GENERAL EDUCATION: (A) New Student Seminar | 1 | GENERAL EDUCATION: (C2) Literature | 3 |
| GENERAL EDUCATION: (C1) Writing | 3 | GENERAL EDUCATION: (C3) Communication | 3 |
| | 4 | | 6 |
| Total Credits 10 | | | |