

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR (B.A.)(COMBINED B.A./ M.A.T. WITH TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN GRADES K-6 AND TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES)

A Combined Degree program enables undergraduate students to enroll in graduate courses in their senior year, which can be counted towards the completion of both their Bachelor's and Master's degree requirements.

The ability to take these "swing courses" allows students to earn both their Bachelor's and Master's degrees in a shortened period of time, typically within five years of intensive study. Undergraduate students interested in this option can find more information regarding program requirements on the University's Combined Programs website (<https://www.montclair.edu/combined-programs/programs-of-study/>).

The Combined Degree with Dual Certification program is a 5-year program that leads to teacher certification in Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6, teacher certification in Teacher of Students with Disabilities, a baccalaureate degree and a master's degree. Interested students must apply to and be admitted to the Teacher Education Program as an undergraduate. Students must successfully complete the undergraduate portion of the program in order to be admitted to The Graduate School and complete the one-year master's portion of the program.

Please visit the Teacher Education Program website (<https://www.montclair.edu/center-of-pedagogy/>) for the required undergraduate professional sequence of courses, overall course outline, 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

Requirements for the graduate portion of this combined program can be found here (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/teaching-teacher-certification-grade-k-6-students-disabilities-combined-ba-mat/>).

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>Texts</b>		
Complete two courses from the list below.		6
<b>Issues</b>		
Complete two courses from the list below.		6
<b>Approaches</b>		
Complete two courses from the list below.		6
<b>Global Traditions</b>		
Complete two courses from the list below.		6
<b>Seminar</b>		
Complete one course from the following:		3
RELG 400	Seminar	
RELG 405	Engaged Learning Project	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

## Texts

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Texts</b>		
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
<b>Issues</b>		
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
<b>Approaches</b>		
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 for Combined Degree Programs with Grades K-6 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Pre-Professional Sequence</b>		
CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement	3

PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
FSHD 214	Child Development I	3
ECEL 200	Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy	3
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education	3
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education	3
MTHM 201	Mathematics in Elementary Schools I	3

### Professional Sequence

<i>First Semester Junior Year</i>		
FSHD 314	Child Development II: Adolescence	3
MTHM 302	Mathematics in Elementary Schools II	3
READ 399	Early Literacy Development and Instruction	3
ECEL 279	Foundation and Philosophy of Inclusive Education	3
<i>Second Semester Junior Year</i>		
ECEL 375	Special Topics in Early Childhood and Elementary Education	3
ECSE 305	Development and Learning in Children With and Without Disabilities	3
ECEL 408	Social Studies and the Arts in Elementary Classrooms	3
<i>First Semester Senior Year</i>		
ECSE 339	Pedagogy in the Inclusive Elementary Classroom	3
READ 408	Literacy in the Elementary Grades	3
Undergraduate elective (Advisor approval required).		3
<i>Second Semester Senior Year</i>		
ECSE 523	Communication, Collaboration and Consultation in Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Contexts <sup>1</sup>	3
ECSE 536	Observation and Assessment of Elementary Age Children with Disabilities <sup>1</sup>	3
READ 515	Literacy Strategies for the Inclusive Elementary Classroom <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course will also count toward the MAT portion of this program.

## 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		
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. Great Works and Their Influences		

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 Study in Religious Texts	

2. *Philosophical and Religious Perspectives*

EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education (Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.)	
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**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.)	
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**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.)	
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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.)	
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**L. Interdisciplinary Studies**

Fulfilled in the Teacher Education sequence.

ECEL 200	Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy	
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**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/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/world-languages-cultures-requirement/>)

Code	Title	Credits
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**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(s)

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

Fifth year courses are taken at the graduate level, after matriculation into the graduate portion of this combined degree program.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (A) New Student Seminar		1
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C1) Writing		3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C2) Literature		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C3) Communication		3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education	3
MTHM 201	Mathematic: in Elementary Schools I	3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ECEL 279	Foundation and Philosophy of Inclusive Education	3
FSHD 314	Child Development II: Adolescence	3
MTHM 302	Mathematic: in Elementary Schools II	3
READ 399	Early Literacy Development and Instruction	3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>12</b>

Spring			Course	Title	Credits
ECEL 375	Special Topics in Early Childhood and Elementary Education	3	<b>Fourth Year</b> <b>Summer</b> ECSE 508	Strengthening Partnerships with Families of Children with Disabilities	3
ECSE 305	Development and Learning in Children With and Without Disabilities	3	ECSE 580	Conceptual Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders: Bio-Psych-Social Perspectives	3
ECEL 408	Social Studies and the Arts in Elementary Classrooms	3	ECEL 691	Issues, Policies and Trends in Inclusive Education	3
		<b>Credits</b>			<b>9</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>					
<b>Fall</b>					
ECSE 339	Pedagogy in the Inclusive Elementary Classroom	3	<b>Fifth Year</b> <b>Fall</b> ECEL 502	Seminar I: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms	1
READ 408	Literacy in the Elementary Grades	3	ECEL 510	Clinical Practice I: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary	2
		<b>Credits</b>			<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>					
ECSE 523	Communication and Consultation in Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Contexts	3	ECEL 517	Integrating Science and Technology in Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms	3
ECSE 536	Observation and Assessment of Elementary Age Children with Disabilities	3	ECSE 542	Inclusive Pedagogies for Students with Complex Learning and Behavioral Needs	3
READ 515	Literacy Strategies for the Inclusive Elementary Classroom	3			
		<b>Credits</b>			<b>9</b>
		<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>52</b>
<b>Spring</b>					
			ECEL 504	Seminar II: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms	3

ECEL 511	Clinical Practice II: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms	6
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	<b>Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
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	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>27</b>