

## Religious Studies Major Checklist

*The Religious Studies major introduces students to major religious traditions of the world and equips them to use methods from the humanities and social sciences to understand religious texts, art, doctrines, practices, ethics, institutions, and cultures. Coursework in the major develops key liberal arts competencies, including critical, analytical, and comparative thinking skills, intercultural awareness, an ability to view things from multiple perspectives, and effective written and verbal communication.*

This checklist is intended as **general guideline** for planning your trajectory as a Religious Studies major. Please use it in consultation with your advisor. If you are a double major and need a religious studies advisor to help you navigate the requirements, please contact the department chair and one will be assigned to you.

The Religious Studies major requires 40 course hours, as follows:

- One "Gateway" course, numbered REL 110-176 (4 Hours)
- Two "Traditions" courses (8 Hours)
- REL 292 Approaches to the Study of Religion (4 Hours)
- 20 Elective Hours (including at least one 400-level topics seminar and no more than one additional lower-level course)
- REL 492 Senior Seminar (4 Hours)

### First/ Second Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Gateway course, numbered REL 110-176 (Religion in a Global Context; Religion and Power; Magic; Jewish Biblical Literature in Context; Early Christian Literature in Context; OR other selected courses)

\_\_\_\_\_ **REL 292: Approaches to the Study of Religion (We highly recommend that you take this as soon as possible, since it will introduce you to the tools and approaches we use in upper-level courses.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Traditions Course (Buddhist Traditions, Hindu Traditions, Islamic Traditions, Christian Traditions, Jewish Traditions, Irreligious and Secular Traditions)

### Third Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Traditions Course (Buddhist Traditions, Hindu Traditions, Islamic Traditions, Christian Traditions, Jewish Traditions, Irreligious and Secular Traditions)

\_\_\_\_\_ 100, 200 or 300 Level REL Course (may include a winter term study abroad course that counts toward the major)

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### Fourth Year

\_\_\_\_\_ 300 Level REL Course

\_\_\_\_\_ 400 Level REL Seminar

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Seminar

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**Other Opportunities (talk to your advisor about these possibilities)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Graduate School/Career Information Session
- \_\_\_\_\_ Develop an undergraduate research project with a Religious Studies faculty member
- \_\_\_\_\_ Work on a summer independent research project through SURE
- \_\_\_\_\_ Present your research at SURF or at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Study abroad for a semester or for a winter term

**Notes:**