

# B.A. IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
REL 101	Introduction to Religion	
REL 102	Problem of God	
REL 103	One God: Judaism, Christianity, Islam	
REL 105	Asian Religions: Transforming the Self	
Select a minimum of 18 elective credit hours in REL courses <sup>1</sup>		18
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
Written Communication Skills:		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
WRS 106 or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II Writing About Literature and Culture	3
Quantitative Skills:		
MTH 108	Precalculus Mathematics II (This course fulfills the Quantitative Skills Requirement.)	3
Areas of Knowledge:		
Arts and Humanities Cognate		9
People & Society Cognate (9 credits) (fulfilled through the major)		
STEM Cognate		9
<b>Additional Required Courses</b>		
REL 399	Method and Theory in the Study of Religion	3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
Language Requirement		3
Minor or Additional Major Requirement		15
Electives		51
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

- <sup>1</sup>
- A major in Religious Studies leading toward the B.A. degree requires 24 credit hours in Religious Studies, passed with a grade of C- or higher, and a GPA in the major of 2.0.
  - For a list of Religious Studies courses see this page (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/courses-az/rel/>).
  - Minimum of 12 credit hours in courses numbered 300 or above
  - Writing credit (W) in at least one course in the department

\* To ensure that majors devise a coherent plan of study, the department requires consultation with the department undergraduate advisor.

\*\* Transfer students who major in Religious Studies must complete at least 12 credits in department offered courses numbered 300 or above in residence at the Coral Gables Campus.

## Suggested Plan of Study

This plan of study includes

- A Secondary Major in Public Health
- Cognates in Understanding Business and Earth Stars Wind and Water

First Year		Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
MTH 108	Precalculus Mathematics II	3
REL 101	Introduction to Religion	3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3

Elective		3
Language Course		3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
APY 101	Introduction to Anthropology	3
REL 121	Introduction to the New Testament	3
REL 151	Religion and Moral Choices	3
WRS 106 or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II or Writing About Literature and Culture	3
Language Course		3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
BIL 150	General Biology	4
BIL 151	General Biology Laboratory	1
BUS 200	Introduction to Business	3
BPH 206	Introduction to Public Health	3
POL 200 (EXP) course		3
Language Course		3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BPH 208	Introductory Epidemiology	3
BPH 310	Global Health	3
BUS 206	Principles of International Business	3
CHM 111	Principles of Chemistry I	3
CHM 113	Chemistry Laboratory I	1
GSC 106	Geological Influences on Society	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
BPH 309	Health and Environment	3
FIN 300	Fundamentals of Finance for Non-Finance Majors	3
PHY 110	Descriptive Astronomy	3
REL 335	American Religion in Modern Film	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BPH 321	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
MSC 220	Climate and Global Change	3
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3
REL 371	Women, Gender, and Islam	3
REL 384	Karma	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
BPH 322	Introduction to Health Policy	3
BPH 352	Biological Principles of Public Health	3
PSY 260	Personality Psychology	3
REL 351	Death and Dying	3
REL 499		3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BPH 465	Public Health Statistics and Data Management	3

BPH 490	Field Practicum in Community Health	3
GEG 241	Health and Medical Geography	3
PSY 240	Psychopathology	3
Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

## Mission

Religion is one fundamental way humans order and discern meaning and frame identity, both collective and individual. In the study of religion, students learn what religion is; how religion both shapes and reflects culture, society, politics, and individual experience; and the multiple ways religion matters and has mattered locally and globally, from antiquity to the present. Through the examination of varied disciplinary approaches and exposure to concrete diverse cultural expressions of religion, the department fosters students' broad and deep apprehension of religion's place(s) in human experience.

## Goals

The department's educational work aims to strengthen students' capacities to read carefully, question critically, communicate knowledge effectively, and apply their learning in civic engagement.

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will attain a grasp of the basic theories and methodologies of the discipline of religious studies.
- Students will acquire broad knowledge of the role that religions play in human life and society as well as deeper knowledge in a specific area.
- Students will develop the ability to communicate their understanding of the phenomenon of religion clearly in writing.