

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR Advising Tips

The Basics of Majoring in Religious Studies:

- Students must complete 36 credit hours
- Students should take the introductory course, RELS 1010 as soon as possible in their careers
- Students must take courses that examine at least THREE DIFFERENT religious traditions.

How to get started:

- Meet your advisor, Mary Leavitt (mary.leavitt@usu.edu), 435-797-3883, TSC #302
- Attend Department events (stop in Old Main 323 to sign up for notifications)
- Enroll in courses!!

Courses in the major:

- 1) TAKE ALL of these courses (9 credits):

- RELS 1010 Introduction to Religious Studies (BHU)
- RELS 3990 Theory and Method in Religious Studies
- RELS 4990 Religious Studies Capstone

- 2) PICK AT LEAST 2 of the following (6 credits):

- RELS 3160 (ANTH 3160) Anthropology of Religion (DSS)
- PHIL 3600 Philosophy of Religion (DHA)
- RELS 4790 (HIST 4790) American Religious History

- 3) PICK 3 religious traditions and take one course in each (9 credits)

HINDUISM

- RELS 3020 (HIST 3020) Introduction to Hinduism (DHA) **OR**
- RELS 3820 Hindu Sacred Texts (CI)

BUDDHISM

- RELS 3010 (HIST 3010) Introduction to Buddhism

CHINESE TRADITIONS

- RELS 3482 (HIST 3482) Ancient China **OR**
- PHIL 3710 Philosophies of East Asia

JUDAISM

- RELS 3060 Introduction to Judaism

CHRISTIANITY

- RELS 3050 Introduction to Christianity (DHA) **OR**
- RELS 4230 (HIST 4230) History of Christianity in the West (DHA/CI)

ISLAM

- HIST 1060 Introduction to Islamic Civilization **OR**
- RELS 3030 (HIST 3030/ARBC 3030) Introduction to Islam (DHA)

MORMONISM

- RELS 4795 (HIST 4795) Biography, Autobiography, and Joseph Smith

- 4) PICK 4 ELECTIVE COURSES IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (12 credits)

You can choose any of the courses listed above (not already taken), or any of the courses listed below.

RELS 3090 (ANTH 3090) – Introduction to Shamanism (DHA)

RELS 3210 (HIST 3210) – Classical Mythology

RELS 3220 (HIST 3220) – Medieval European Civilization

RELS 3270 (HIST 3270) – The Crusades

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RELS 4350 (HIST 4350) – Greek Intellectual History
RELS 4560 (HIST 4560) – Women in Islam (DHA)
RELS 4565 (HIST 4565) – Early Islamic History
RELS 4520 – Editing Internship
RELS 4910 – Special Topics in Religious Studies
RELS 4930 – Directed Readings (this course may only be taken once in fulfillment of major requirements, unless special permission is obtained)

ANTH 4110 – Southwest Indian Cultures (DSS)
ANTH 4130 – Introduction to Medical Anthropology

ARTH 2710 – Survey of Western Art: Prehistoric to Medieval (BHU)
ARTH 3630 – Medieval Art (CI/DHA)
ARTH XYZ – Islamic Art
ARTH XYZ – Byzantine Art

ENGL 3070 – Perspectives in Folklore (DHA)

HIST 3110 (ARTH 3110) – Ancient Near East (DHA/CI)
HIST 3150 – Roman History (CI)
HIST 3230 – Early Modern Europe
HIST 3410 – The Modern Middle East
HIST 3850 – History of Utah (DHA/CI)
HIST 4250 – The Reformation in Britain: 1450-1688

PHIL 3100 – Ancient Philosophy (CI)
PHIL 3110 – Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 3180 – Contemporary European Philosophy

How to declare your major and complete your degree:

- See your advisor to declare the major formally
- Choose a degree –
Bachelor's of Arts – requires 2 years of a foreign language OR
1 year of one language and 1 ½ years of another language
Bachelor's of Science – requires 15 hours of coursework in Math and Science
- Maintain a 2.00 overall GPA

Religious Studies Minor

To get a minor in Religious Studies, you need to complete 15 credits, as follows:

- 1) TAKE RELS 1010 Introduction to Religious Studies (3 credits)
- 2) PICK 2 religious traditions and take one course in each (6 credits)
Choose from the list of religious traditions given above
- 3) PICK 2 additional courses from any of the courses listed above (6 credits)

INFORMATION ON THE WEB: see the Religious Studies home page:

<http://religiousstudies.usu.edu/>