



# Religious Studies Major Requirements [rev. 9/4/2014]

(For the Classes of 2014 - 2018)

**Degree Requirements: 40 courses comprised of** A) GEP Signature Core (6 courses) B) GEP Variable courses (Maximum 10 courses) C) Major Requirements (3 GEP + 7 major) D) Free electives (Minimum 14 courses) and E) Overlays and F) GEP Integrative Learning Courses (3 courses)

A. GEP Signature Core Courses (6 Courses)	Semester completed
1. PHL 154 – Moral Foundations	
2. THE 154 – Faith, Justice & the Catholic Tradition	
3. ENG 102 – Texts and Contexts	
4. HIS 154 – Forging the Modern World	
5. First Year Seminar	
6. Faith & Reason Course (pre-reqs: THE 154 & PHL 154) <i>See box E for F&amp;R requirements by class year.</i>	

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B. Variable Course (Maximum: 10 courses)	Course(s) required/taken	Semester Completed
Fine Arts or Literature	One course	
Mathematics (Beauty)	One course	
Natural Science	One semester of any lab-based natural science course or two semesters of non-lab courses	
Non-Native Language	Two semesters at any level (Recommended that students consult advisor to fulfill with a language relevant to interest).	
Social/Behavioral Science	One course	
Philosophy (Philosophical Anthropology)	One course	
Theology & Religious Studies (Religious Difference)	One course- same course <b>may not</b> be used to satisfy the Diversity/ Globalization/Non-Western area studies degree requirement	
Writing	ENG 101 or 4 or a 5 on AP Literature or Language test.	

C. Religious Studies Major Requirements (3 GEP courses + 7 at 200-level or above)	Semester completed
<i>THE 154 Faith, Justice &amp; the Catholic Tradition</i>	
<i>Religious Difference</i>	
<b>REL 395 or REL/THE 495 Theories &amp; Methods. This is a Faith &amp; Reason overlay course and will fulfill your GEP requirement.</b>	
1. 1 <sup>st</sup> non-Christian Religion (May fulfill DGNW overlay.)	
2. 2 <sup>nd</sup> non-Christian Religion (May fulfill DGNW overlay.)	
3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> non-Christian Religion (May fulfill DGNW overlay.)	
4. 4 <sup>th</sup> non-Christian Religion (May fulfill DGNW overlay.)	
5. 5 <sup>th</sup> non-Christian Religion (May fulfill DGNW overlay.)	
6. Institutional Identity course*	
7. THE or REL ST Elective, 200-level or above	

\*Institutional Identity:

- Any THE 150
- HON 150, when taught by THE faculty, with approval.
- THE/REL 221; THE 241, 261; THE/REL 325, 326; THE 331-379, 381, 384, 385, 392, 493, 494

**NOTE:** of the 10 major courses, one must be comparative course and one must concentrate on a South or East Asian religion



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D. Free Electives -- number of electives may vary depend on how many GEP courses will be counted towards major	Semester completed	Free electives, cont.	Semester completed
1.		8.	
2.		9.	
3.		10.	
4.		11.	
5.		12.	
6.		13.	
7.		14.	

E. Overlays (May be combined with other requirements above, unless otherwise noted.)	Semester Completed
1. Writing-Intensive (pre-req ENG 101)	
2. Ethics-Intensive (pre-req:PHL 154)	
3. Diversity/Globalization/Non-Western	
<p><b>Note for the Class of 2014:</b> Of the four GEP requirements—Faith &amp; Reason and the three overlay requirements-- students in the class of 2014 need to satisfy <b>two of the four</b> requirements. This means that students in the class of 2014 would have to complete (1) a Faith and Reason course and one overlay requirement OR (2) two overlay requirements.</p> <p><b>Note for the Class of 2015:</b> Of the four GEP requirements—Faith &amp; Reason and the three overlay requirements-- students in the class of 2015 need to satisfy <b>three of the four</b>. Students in the class of 2015 would have to complete (1) a Faith and Reason course and two overlay requirements OR (2) all three overlay requirements.</p> <p><b>Note for the Class of 2016:</b> must fulfill Faith &amp; Reason and <b>two of three</b> overlays.</p>	

F. GEP Integrative Learning Courses for Religious Studies (3 courses, see below)	Semester Completed
1.	
2.	
3.	
<p><b>Religious Studies ILCs:</b> three courses from the following categories, with <b>no more than two</b> from any one department. These three courses may be drawn from any program and or department that focuses on:</p> <p>(1) <b>Cultural and historical contexts</b> of various religious traditions, such as Ancient Studies, Asian Studies, Classics, Fine Arts, History, Latin American Studies, and Political Science; (2) <b>Methodologies</b> that are applied in the study of religion, such as Biology, Economics, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology; (3) <b>Research tools</b> that are employed in the study of religion, such as Computer Science, Mathematics, and Foreign Languages.</p> <p>Courses used to satisfy the Integrated Learning Requirement may not fulfill a GEP Common Core or Variable Core Requirement. Students should consult with their advisors to determine what courses are best suited to their own interests in Religious Studies when choosing the courses needed to satisfy the integrated learning requirement.</p>	



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### RELIGIOUS STUDIES TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE

FIRST-YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	ENG 101 Craft of Language	ENG 102 Texts and Contexts
	PHL 154 Moral Foundations	HIS 154 Forging the Modern World
	First-Year Seminar	MAT Beauty
	Non-Native Language I	Non-Native Language II
	REL Religious Difference	THE 154 Faith/Justice/Cath Trad
SOPHOMORE YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	PHL Anthropology	Integrative Learning #2
	Social/Behavioral Science	REL Non-Christian Religion
	REL Non-Christian Religion	THE Institutional Identity (may be Ethics intensive overlay)
	Integrative Learning #1	Elective
	Elective	Elective
JUNIOR YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	Elective	Integrative Learning #3
	Natural Science	Fine Arts/Lit Variable
	REL Non-Christian Religion	REL Non-Christian Religion
	THE Ethics Intensive (if needed) or Elective	Elective
	Elective	Elective (Diversity/Globalization, if needed)
SENIOR YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	REL 495 Theories and Methods = GEP Faith & Reason	REL Non-Christian Religion
	Elective (Writing intensive)	REL or THE Elective
	Elective (2 <sup>nd</sup> Nat Sci, if needed)	Elective
	Elective	Elective
	Elective	Elective