# Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

## General Education Requirements

The student must complete the General Education Requirements of the College of Arts & Sciences.

## Major Requirements

Select one of the following 100-level courses:

- RELS 100B Introduction to Biblical Literature
- RELS 103B Religions of the East
- RELS 107B Introduction to Judaism
- RELS 108B Christian Thought and Doctrine
- RELS 109B Sacred Traditions of the World

One 200-level RELS course

Select one 300- or 400-level biblical studies course from the following:

- RELS 309 Hebrew Festival Scrolls
- RELS 311H The Dead Sea Scrolls
- RELS 313V Prophets of Social Justice
- RELS 317V The Gospels
- RELS 318V Life and Letters of Paul
- RELS 412V Envisioning the Psalms

Select one 300- or 400-level course in a non-Western religious tradition from the following:

- RELS 331B Islam: Religion of the Prophet
- RELS 332 Asian Philosophy
- RELS 334V Buddhism: The Middle Way
- RELS 335V Religion and Violence in Asia
- RELS 337B The Religion and Culture of Hinduism
- RELS 435V Spiritualities East and West

Select one 300- or 400-level course in theology/ethics/religious history from the following:

- RELS 302V American Christian Experience
- RELS 305B Shapers of Christian Thought
- RELS 307V Varieties of American Religion
- RELS 341B The Idea of the Devil
- RELS 352V Nature, the Sacred, and Ethics
- RELS 459V The Ethics of Mortality

Three units of RELS electives, of which at least one must be a 300- or 400-level one-unit course. No more than one unit total may come from a combination of pass/fail travel courses, teaching apprenticeships (RELS 395), or internships (RELS 397).

Complete the following four courses:

- RELS 370 Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion
- RELS 380 Department Colloquium
- RELS 480 Department Colloquium
- RELS 499 Senior Project

## General Electives

Total Units

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All students in the College of Arts and Sciences must meet General Education requirements in addition to specific requirements within the major area of study.

Each student must complete at least four writing or writing enhanced (WE) courses to complete the University Writing Requirement. At least two of these courses must be from General Education. Based upon Admissions application information, students may be placed in ENGL 100; ENGL 100 may be used to count toward the Writing requirement.

A single course may not be used to meet more than one of the General Education requirements, but a single course may count toward a General Education requirement and the student’s major requirements. Students should check with their advisor regarding the eligibility of transfer credits to meet
General Education requirements after students have enrolled at Stetson. A key component of a liberal education is to learn about the modes of inquiry from a diverse set of disciplines, so no more than 3 courses used to meet General Education requirements may come from a single department and at least 16 of the 32 units required for graduation must come from departments outside the department of the major.

For many majors, certain courses outside the major field of study are required. These courses are called “collateral requirements.”

A student majoring in Education may count among the 32 units as many in the major as are required for completion of an approved program for teacher certification by the State of Florida.

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**Cultural Events/Campus Engagement**

In addition to completing 32 course units, students join Stetson’s intellectual and creative life outside the classroom by participating in at least 3 approved cultural events for each semester of enrollment at Stetson. These events include lectures by distinguished visitors, musical performances, plays, and art shows.

1. Foundation courses may not be taken pass/fail.
2. 1 unit each from 5 out of the 6 areas.
3. Course(s) must equal 1 unit.