

# Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

## Major in Religious Studies — Major Requirements - 10 units

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
The student must complete the General Education Requirements of the College of Arts & Sciences.		9
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
Select one unit from the following at the 100-level:		1
RELS 100B	Introduction to Biblical Literature	
RELS 101B	Christianity in the Americas	
RELS 102B	Is That a Religion?	
RELS 103B	Introduction to Asian Religions	
RELS 105B	One God: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
RELS 107B	Introduction to Judaism	
RELS 108B	Christian Thought and Doctrine	
RELS 109B	Sacred Traditions of the World	
Two units from each of the three following categories, four of which must be 300- or 400-level courses		6
Select two units in Jewish and Christian traditions from the following:		
RELS 256V	Gender and Difference in Biblical Texts and Traditions	
RELS 313V	Prophets of Social Justice	
RELS 315B	Monsters and Beasts in the Bible	
RELS 316V	In Search of Jesus	
RELS 317V	The Gospels	
RELS 318V	Life and Letters of Paul	
RELS 342B	History of Satan	
RELS 412V	Envisioning the Psalms	
Select two units in Islamic and Asian religious traditions from the following:		
RELS 241B	Islam: Religion of the Prophet	
RELS 245B	Muhammad and the Qur'an	
RELS 252B	Religions of China and Japan	
RELS 258B	Religions of India	
RELS 334V	Buddhism: The Middle Way	
RELS 337B	The Religion and Culture of Hinduism	
RELS 361B	Reform and Revolution in Modern Islam	
Select two units in religion, history, and society from the following:		
RELS 217A	Religious Approaches to Death	
RELS 238V	Religious Ethics and Moral Problems	
RELS 255B	Apocalyptic Visions and American Culture	
RELS 277V	Between Martin and Malcolm: Religion, Civil Rights, and the Black Freedom Movement	
RELS 281V	Moral Reflections on the Holocaust	
RELS 282B	The American Jewish Experience	
RELS 300V	Religion and Video Games	

RELS 302V	The American Christian Experience	
RELS 305B	Shapers of Christian Thought	
RELS 311H	The Dead Sea Scrolls	
RELS 312V	Immigrants, Outsiders, and the Biblical Tradition	
RELS 336B	Society and the Supernatural in Asia	
RELS 345V	For God and Country? Religion, Nationalism, and Democracy	
RELS 363B	Resisting Religion	
RELS 364B	Genies, Saints, and Superheroes: The Moral Imagination of Muslim Literatures	
One unit of RELS electives. No more than one unit total may come from a combination of travel courses with the pass/fail election, teaching apprenticeships (RELS 395), or internships (RELS 397).		1
Complete the following four courses:		2
RELS 370	Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	
RELS 380	Department Colloquium	
RELS 480	Department Colloquium	
RELS 499	Senior Project <sup>1</sup>	
<b>General Electives</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>32</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students satisfying RELS 499 through another course must still complete a total of 10 units within the RELS major by substituting a 300- or 400-level RELS course.

## General Education Requirements

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 will count toward the Writing requirement if completed with a minimum grade of C.

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 or minor requirements, as well as count as a Writing Enhanced course in the Writing requirement. 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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<b>Foundations</b> <sup>1</sup>		
Writing Requirement		
FSEM 100	First Year Seminar	1
Quantitative Reasoning (any Q course)		1
Junior Seminar		1
<b>Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Natural World</b>		
Select five of the following: <sup>2</sup>		5
Creative Arts (any A course, or 4 - MUSC, MUSA or MUSE credit courses)		
Culture and Belief (any B course)		
Historical Inquiry (any H course)		
Individuals, Societies, and Social Systems (any S course)		
Modern Languages (any L course)		
Physical and Natural World (any P course)		
<b>Personal and Social Responsibility</b>		
Select any 'Stetson Values (V)' course		1
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>9</b>

## 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 24 approved cultural events at Stetson. These events include lectures by distinguished visitors, musical performances, plays, and art shows. Students may also view the list of approved cultural events<sup>3</sup> under Calendar of Events at <https://www.stetson.edu/other/calendar/> and selecting Deland Campus.

<sup>1</sup> Foundation courses may not be taken pass/fail.

<sup>2</sup> 1 unit each from 5 out of the 6 areas.

<sup>3</sup> The Calendar of Events (<https://www.stetson.edu/other/calendar/>) for the Deland campus identifies Cultural Events as those marked with a turquoise blue colored square in the lower-left corner of the event block.