






2023 - 2024 Major Map

Religious Studies (Religion, Culture and Public Life), BA

School/College: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
LARELCPBA

Accelerated options for this program are not currently available to ASU Online students.

Term 1 0 - 16 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 REL 101: Religion, Culture and Public Life (HU & G)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASU 101 or college-specific equivalent First-Year Seminar required of all first-year students ASU Language Placement and Testing: Only true beginners are eligible for 101-level second language courses. All other students are required to take a placement exam, regardless of prior credit earned, to verify the course level is appropriate. Students already proficient in a second language may take a proficiency exam. Select your Career Interest Communities and play me3@ASU.
ENG 101: First-Year Composition or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107: First-Year Composition or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
LIA 101: Student Success in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	1		
MAT 142: College Mathematics (MA)	3	C	
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C	
Elective	2		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	16		
Term 2 16 - 30 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
ENG 101: First-Year Composition or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107: First-Year Composition or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Religion, Culture and Public Life course list below. Students complete 15 credit hours from the Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration as part of the Religious Studies major. Join a student club or professional organization. If interested in law school, review the Pre-Law at ASU website.
Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C	
Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ)	4		
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	14		
Term 3 30 - 46 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Related Area Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside Concentration courses include any REL courses that are not listed in the Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration. REL 100 and REL 321 may count as either Religion, Culture and
REL Outside Concentration Course	3	C	
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C	
Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications (CS)	3		

Elective	3
❖ Complete First-Year Composition requirement.	
❖ Complete Mathematics (MA) requirement.	
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.	
Term hours subtotal:	16

Public Life concentration courses, or as Outside Concentration courses, but not both.

- Please see list of Related Area courses below.
- Some General Studies requirements can overlap with major courses, leaving more room for electives. Consult an academic advisor to select the best courses for your personal plan of study.
- Explore opportunities to [study abroad](#).

Term 4 46 - 60 Credit Hours Critical course signified by ❖	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C	
Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ) OR Natural Science - General (SG)	4		
Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB) AND Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C)	3		
❖ Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	14		

- Choosing a Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB) course that also satisfies the Cultural Diversity (C) requirement is recommended.
- Visit [Career and Professional Development Services](#) and meet with a [career advisor](#) for assistance with career planning and networking.
- If interested in law school, [make an appointment](#) with the pre-law advisor.

Term 5 60 - 75 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ REL 307: Religion: Theory and Practice (L or HU)	3	C	
★ Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	
Related Area Course	3	C	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HU) AND Historical Awareness (H)	3		
Upper Division Elective	3		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- REL 307 is typically offered only in the Fall semester.
- Choosing a Humanities (HU) course that also satisfies Historical Awareness (H) is recommended if these requirements have not already been satisfied.
- Consider participating in an [Undergraduate Research Experience](#) through the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies or a research opportunity in the [Humanities Lab](#).

Term 6 75 - 90 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	
Upper Division REL Outside Concentration Course	3	C	
Upper Division Humanities, Arts and Design (HU) OR Upper Division Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3		
Upper Division Elective OR REL 484: Internship	3		
★ Complete Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C) AND Global Awareness (G) AND Historical Awareness (H) course(s).			
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- Upper Division Outside Concentration courses include any upper-division REL courses that are not listed in the Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration. REL 321 may count as either a Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration course, or as an Outside Concentration course, but not both.
- Participate in an [internship](#) to gain valuable career experience and contacts. For help exploring internship [opportunities related to your major](#), meet with an academic advisor.
- Explore [graduate school](#) opportunities.
- If planning on law school, prepare to take the [LSAT](#).

Term 7 90 - 105 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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★ Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C
Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)	3	
Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3	
Elective	3	
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.		
Term hours subtotal:	15	

- Use Handshake to research **employment opportunities**.
- Attend **career fairs, workshops and related events** offered by Career and Professional Development Services.

Term 8 105 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ REL 405: Problems in Religious Studies OR REL 406: Religious Studies Capstone I AND REL 407: Religious Studies Capstone II	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REL 405 serves as the capstone course for this major and is typically offered only in the Spring semester. REL 405 is for on-campus students while REL 406 and 407 are for ASU Online students. • Take advantage of mock interview opportunities and assistance with writing resumes and cover letters. • Apply for full-time career opportunities.
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	
Complete 3 courses:			
Upper Division Elective	9		
★ Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- Students complete 15 credit hours in the Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration, at least nine of which must be upper-division.
- Students complete six credits of Outside Concentration REL courses, at least three of which must be upper-division. The Outside Concentration courses are any REL courses NOT in the Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration list. Due to their broad content, REL 100 and REL 321 may count as either Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration courses, or as Outside Concentration courses, but each course will satisfy only ONE requirement, not both.
- Students complete 15 credits of courses in Related Areas, at least nine of which must be upper-division.

Hide Course List(s)/Track Group(s)

Religion, Culture and Public Life Courses	REL Outside Concentration Courses	Related Area Courses
REL 100: Religions of the World (HU & G)	Any REL course that is NOT listed in the Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration except for REL 100 and REL 321, which may be used either inside or outside the concentration, but not both.	AFR OR AIS OR AMS OR APA OR APH OR ARS OR ASB OR GCU OR HPS OR HST OR HUL OR JUS OR PHI OR POS OR SGS OR SOC OR TCL OR WST Elective
REL 200: Exploring the World's Religions ((L or HU) & G)		
REL 202: Religion and Popular Culture (HU & C)	REL 100: Religions of the World (HU & G)	ARB 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (HU & H & G)
REL 205: Life, Sex and Death (HU)	REL 321: Religion in America ((L or HU) & C & H)	ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (G)
REL 207: Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (L or HU)		ARB 336: Introduction to the Qur'an (G)
REL 210: Introduction to Judaism (HU & H)		ARB 337: Hadith and Prophetic Tradition (HU & H & G)
REL 260: Introduction to Islam (HU & G)		ARB 341: Quran Text and Women (HU & H)
REL 270: Introduction to Christianity (HU)		ARB 351: Classical Arabic Literature (HU & G)
REL 272: Heretics, Saints and Emperors: Christianity in the Ancient World (HU & H)		ARB 352: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (HU & G)
REL 287: Topics in Film, Media, and Religion (HU & G)		
REL 301: Comparative Mysticism (HU)		

REL 310: Western Religious Traditions (HU & H)	ARB 360: Islamic Philosophical Literature
REL 315: Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) ((L or HU) & H)	ARB 427: Arabic Prose: Reading the Arabian Nights
REL 320: American Religious Traditions (HU & C & H)	ARB 428: Arab Women's Writing (HU & G) or SLC 428: Arab Women's Writing (HU & G)
REL 321: Religion in America ((L or HU) & C & H)	BIO 312: Bioethics (HU)
REL 323: African American Religion (HU & C)	BIO 315: Science, Values, and the Public or ENG 370: Science, Values, and the Public
REL 324: Sacred Healing and Arts of the Africana World	BIO 318: History of Medicine (HU & H)
REL 326: Hispanic Religion, Culture and Healing (HU & C)	CHI 120: Introduction to Chinese Culture (L or HU) or SLC 120: Introduction to Chinese Culture (L or HU)
REL 330: Native American Worldviews (HU & C)	CHI 321: Chinese Literature (HU)
REL 343: Daoism ((L or HU) & G & H)	CHI 322: Chinese Literature (HU & G)
REL 346: Chinese Religions	CHI 345: Chinese Film and Civilization
REL 350: Hinduism ((L or HU) & G)	CHI 451: Chinese Cultural History I ((HU or SB) & H) or SLC 451: Chinese Cultural History I ((HU or SB) & H)
REL 351: Buddhism ((L or HU) & G)	CHI 452: Chinese Cultural History II (SB & G & H) or SLC 452: Chinese Cultural History II (SB & G & H)
REL 357: Theravada Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia ((L or HU) & G)	ENG 315: Medieval Literature in Translation
REL 365: Islamic Civilization (HU & H)	ENG 333: American Ethnic Literature
REL 371: New Testament (HU)	ENG 353: African American Literature: Beginnings through the Harlem Renaissance ((L or HU) & C)
REL 382: Magick, Religion and Science (L or HU)	ENG 354: African American Literature: Harlem Renaissance to the Present ((L or HU) & C)
REL 383: Religion and Sports (HU)	ENG 356: The Bible as Literature (HU)
REL 390: Women, Gender and Religion (HU & G)	ENG 359: Indigenous American Literature ((L or HU) & C)
REL 393: Religion and Sex (HU)	GER 315: Germanic Mythology (HU & G)
REL 394: Jainism	HEB 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible (L or HU) or ENG 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible (L or HU)
	HEB 347: Modern Israeli Literature in Translation (HU & G) or SLC 347: Modern Israeli Literature in Translation (HU & G)
	HEB 348: Israeli Society and Culture (HU & G) or SLC 348: Israeli Society and Culture (HU & G)
	HEB 375: Contemporary Culture of Israel (HU & G)
	HEB 411: Judaism and the Beginnings of Christianity (HU & H)

Related Area Courses Continued

HON 171: The Human Event (L or HU)

HON 272: The Human Event ((L or HU) & H)

HON 370: History of Ideas (L or HU)

HON 379: Romantics, Victorians, and Moderns (HU & G)

IAS 430: Science and Religion (L or HU)

JPN 115: Japanese Popular Culture: Anime, Manga and Film (G)

JPN 333: Japanese Civilization from the Ice Age to Last Thursday

JPN 354: Zen and Japanese Culture or SLC 354: Zen and Japanese Culture

JPN 355: Religious Practice of People in Modern Japan (HU & G) or SLC 355: Religious Practice of People in Modern Japan (HU & G)

JPN 367: Religion, Philosophy and Culture in Japan or SLC 367: Religion, Philosophy and Culture in Japan

JPN 370: Japanese Aesthetics: Art and Beauty in Japan or SLC 370: Japanese Aesthetics: Art and Beauty in Japan

JPN 445: Readings in Modern Japanese Letters and Culture

JST Elective (not from JST 131, 132, 231, or 232)

KOR 250: Korean Culture and Society (HU & G)

KOR 321: Modern Korean Literature (HU)

KOR 347: Korean Film and Literature (HU)

KOR 350: Women of Korea (H)

KOR 354: Religions of Korea (HU)

KOR 375: Intercultural Communication in Korea (SB & G) or SLC 375: Intercultural Communication in Korea (SB & G)

KOR 415: Korean Popular Culture (HU & G) or SLC 415: Korean Popular Culture (HU & G)

KOR 420: Emotions Across Languages, Cultures and History (HU & G) or SLC 420: Emotions Across Languages, Cultures and History (HU & G)

KOR 457: Premodern Korea in a Global Context (HU) or SLC 457: Premodern Korea in a Global Context (HU)

MUS 347: Jazz in America (HU & C)

MUS 354: Popular Music

MUS 355: American Music (HU & C & H)

MUS 371: World Music (HU & G)

POR 472: Luso-Brazilian Civilization (HU & G)

PSY 350: Social Psychology (SB)

SLC 142: Ancient Greek Civilization (HU & H) or GRK 142: Ancient Greek Civilization (HU & H)

SLC 223: Introduction to Greek and Roman Mythology (HU) or GRK 223: Introduction to Greek and Roman Mythology (HU) or LAT 223: Introduction to Greek and Roman Mythology (HU)

SLC 320: Compassion: A Dialogue Between the Humanities, the Sciences and the Arts (HU)

SLC 361: Roman Religion (HU) or LAT 361: Roman Religion (HU)

SLC 362: Ancient Greek Religion (HU) or GRK 362: Ancient Greek Religion (HU)

SLC 444: Heroes, Ancient and Modern (L or HU) or GRK 444: Heroes, Ancient and Modern (L or HU) or LAT 444: Heroes, Ancient and Modern (L or HU)

SLC 455: Berlin: Migration, Arts and Activism (G) or GER 455: Berlin: Migration, Arts and Activism (G)

SLC 494: Religions and Conflicts in Southeast Asia

SPA 325: Introduction to Hispanic Literature (HU)

SPA 427: Colonial and Postcolonial Latin American Literature (L or HU)

SPA 471: Civilization of the Indohispanomexicano Southwest ((L or HU) & C)

TCL 328: Hispanic Religion, Culture and Healing (HU & C)

Notes:

- First-Year Composition: All students are placed in ENG 101 unless submission of SAT, ACT, Accuplacer, IELTS, or TOEFL score, or college-level transfer credit or test credit equivalent to ASU's first-year composition course(s), determine otherwise. Students on Polytechnic, Downtown Phoenix and West Campuses are encouraged to complete the Directed Self-Placement survey to choose the first-year composition option they believe best suits their needs. Visit: <https://cisa.asu.edu/DSP>
- Mathematics Placement Assessment score determines placement in first mathematics course.

Please keep in mind that the applicability of a specific transfer course toward an ASU degree program depends on the requirements of the department, division, college or school in which you are enrolled at ASU. Transfer agreements that guarantee the completion of university level requirements do not necessarily meet college and major requirements. Please consult with an advisor for more information.

At least 12 upper-division hours in the major (REL) must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Total Hours: 120

Upper Division Hours: 45 minimum

Major GPA: 2.50 minimum

Cumulative GPA: 2.00 minimum

Total hrs at ASU: 30 minimum

Hrs Resident Credit for

Academic Recognition: 56 minimum

Total Community College Hrs: 64 maximum

Total College Residency Hrs: 12 minimum

General University Requirements Legend

General Studies Core Requirements:

- Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)
- Mathematical Studies (MA)
- Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)
- Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ)
- Natural Science - General (SG)

General Studies Awareness Requirements:

- Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C)
- Global Awareness (G)
- Historical Awareness (H)

First-Year Composition

General Studies designations listed next to courses on the major map were valid for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. Please refer to the course catalog for current General Studies designations at time of class registration. General Studies credit is applied according to the designation the course carries at the time the class is taken.