






2024 - 2025 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 (GCSI OR 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 (MATH OR 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	
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	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"> Please see list of Related Area courses below. 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	
Quantitative Reasoning (QTRS)	3		

Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOBE)	3
❗ Complete First-Year Composition requirement.	
❗ Complete Mathematics (MATH) requirement.	
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.	
Term hours subtotal:	16

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

- 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	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
❗ Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	14		

- 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 (HUAD OR HU)	3	C	
★ Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	
Related Area Course	3	C	
American Institutions (AMIT)	3		
Sustainability (SUST)	3		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.			
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- REL 307 is typically offered only in the Fall semester.
- 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 Elective OR REL 484: Internship	3		
Upper Division Elective	3	C	
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
★ Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	
Governance and Civic Engagement (CIVI)	3		
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		

- Use Handshake to research [employment opportunities](#).
- Attend [career fairs, workshops and related events](#) offered by Career and Professional Development Services.

Upper Division Elective	3	C
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL.		
Term hours subtotal:		15

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	C	
★ 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 (GCSI OR 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 205: Life, Sex and Death (GCSI OR HU)	REL 100: Religions of the World (GCSI OR HU & G)	ARB 250: Middle East Culture in a Global Perspective (GCSI OR HU & G) or SLC 250: Middle East Culture in a Global Perspective (GCSI OR HU & G)
REL 205: Life, Sex and Death (GCSI OR HU)	REL 321: Religion in America (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C & H)	ARB 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (GCSI OR HU & H & G)
REL 207: Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (HUAD OR L or HU)		ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (GCSI OR G)
REL 210: Introduction to Judaism (HU & H)		ARB 336: Introduction to the Qur'an (GCSI OR G)
REL 260: Introduction to Islam (HU & G)		ARB 337: Hadith and Prophetic Tradition (HU & H & G)
REL 270: Introduction to Christianity (HU)		ARB 341: Quran Text and Women (GCSI OR HU & H)
REL 272: Heretics, Saints and Emperors: Christianity in the Ancient World (HU & H)		ARB 351: Classical Arabic Literature (HU & G)
REL 287: Topics in Film, Media, and Religion (GCSI OR HU & G)		ARB 352: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (HU & G)
REL 301: Comparative Mysticism (HUAD OR HU)		
REL 310: Western Religious Traditions (HU & H)		

REL 315: Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) (HUAD OR (L or HU) & H)	ARB 360: Islamic Philosophical Literature
REL 320: American Religious Traditions (HUAD OR HU & C & H)	ARB 427: Arabic Prose: Reading the Arabian Nights
REL 321: Religion in America (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C & H)	ARB 428: Gender and Sexuality Discourse in the Middle East (HU & G) or SLC 428: Gender and Sexuality Discourse in the Middle East (HU & G)
REL 323: African American Religion (HU & C)	BIO 312: Bioethics (HUAD OR HU)
REL 324: Sacred Healing and Arts of the Africana World	BIO 315: Science, Values, and the Public or ENG 370: Science, Values, and the Public
REL 326: Hispanic Religion, Culture and Healing (HU & C)	BIO 318: History of Medicine (HUAD OR HU & H)
REL 330: Native American Worldviews (HUAD OR HU & C)	CHI 120: Introduction to Chinese Culture (HUAD OR L or HU) or SLC 120: Introduction to Chinese Culture (HUAD OR L or HU)
REL 343: Daoism (HUAD OR (L or HU) & G & H)	CHI 321: Power and Poetry: Classical Chinese Literature in Translation (HUAD OR HU)
REL 346: Chinese Religions (GCSI OR HU & G)	CHI 322: Self, Society and the Drive for Modernity: Classical Chinese Literature in Translation
REL 350: Hinduism (GCSI OR (L or HU) & G)	CHI 345: Chinese Film and Civilization
REL 351: Buddhism (GCSI OR (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 353: Zen and Japanese Culture (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)	ENG 315: Medieval Literature in Translation
REL 365: Islamic Civilization (HU & H)	ENG 333: American Ethnic Literature
REL 367: Religion, Philosophy and Culture in Japan (GCSI OR HU & G)	ENG 353: African American Literature: Beginnings through the Harlem Renaissance ((L or HU) & C)
REL 371: New Testament (GCSI OR HU)	ENG 354: African American Literature: Harlem Renaissance to the Present (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C)
REL 382: Magick, Religion and Science (L or HU)	ENG 356: The Bible as Literature
REL 383: Religion and Sports (HUAD OR HU)	ENG 359: Indigenous American Literature ((L or HU) & C)
REL 390: Women, Gender and Religion (GCSI OR HU & G)	GER 315: Germanic Mythology
REL 393: Religion and Sex (HU)	HEB 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible (L or HU) or ENG 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible (L or HU)
REL 394: Art & Religion in Jain Culture	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 (GCSI OR L or
HU)

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

HON 370: History of Ideas (GCSI OR L or
HU)

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

IAS 430: Science and Religion (HUAD OR
HU)

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

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

JPN 354: Zen and Japanese Culture (HU &
G) or SLC 354: Zen and Japanese Culture
(HU & G)

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

JPN 367: Religion, Philosophy and Culture
in Japan (GCSI OR HU & G) or SLC 367:
Religion, Philosophy and Culture in Japan
(GCSI OR HU & G)

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

JPN 424: The Art of the Ninja or SLC 424:
The Art of the Ninja

JPN 445: Readings in Modern Japanese
Letters and Culture

JST Elective (not from JST 133, 233, 333, or
334)

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

KOR 321: Modern Korean Literature (HU)

KOR 347: Korean Film and Literature
(HUAD OR 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 (HUAD OR HU & C)

MUS 354: Popular Music

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

MUS 371: World Music (GCSI OR HU & G)

POR 472: Transatlantic Encounters: Brazil and Portugal (HU & G)

PSY 350: Social Psychology (SOBE OR SB)

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

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

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

SPA 471: Civilization of the
Indohispanomexicano Southwest (HUAD
OR C)

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

- **Total Hours:** 120
- **Upper Division Hours:** 45 minimum
- **University Undergraduate Graduation Requirements**

Notes:

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.

General Studies designations listed next to courses on the major map were valid for the 2024 - 2025 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.