





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 - A 0 - 7 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 101 is not required of transfer students. Select your Career Interest Communities and play me3@ASU.
ASU 101-LA: The ASU Experience	1		
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	
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 1 - B 7 - 13 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
MAT 142: College Mathematics (MA)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View ASU Online first-year student registration information here.
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 2 - A 13 - 20 Credit Hours	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"> 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.
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	
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 2 - B 20 - 27 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please 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. If interested in law school, review the Pre-Law at ASU website.
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	
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 3 - A 27 - 34 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes

Related Area 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
Term hours subtotal:	7	



Term 3 - B 34 - 41 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
REL Outside Concentration Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see REL Outside Concentration Course list below. • Explore opportunities to study abroad. Online students are eligible and encouraged to participate!
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	
 Complete First-Year Composition requirement.			
 Complete Mathematics (MA) requirement.			
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	7		

Term 4 - A 41 - 48 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the Career and Professional Development Services website and arrange a virtual advising session with a career counselor for assistance with career planning and networking. • If interested in law school, make an appointment with the pre-law advisor.
Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ)	4		
 Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	7		

Term 4 - B 48 - 54 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications (CS)	3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing a Humanities (HU) course that also satisfies Historical Awareness (H) is recommended if these requirements have not already been satisfied.
Humanities, Arts and Design (HU) AND Historical Awareness (H)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 5 - A 54 - 60 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 REL 307: Religion: Theory and Practice (L or HU)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REL 307 is typically offered only in the Fall semester. • Choosing a Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB) course that also satisfies the Cultural Diversity (C) requirement is recommended.
Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB) AND Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C)	3		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 5 - B 60 - 67 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Related Area Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in an internship to gain valuable career experience and contacts. For help exploring internship opportunities related to your major, contact an academic advisor.
Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ) OR Natural Science - General (SG)	4		
Term hours subtotal:	7		

Term 6 - A 67 - 73 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider participating in an Undergraduate Research Experience through the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious
Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3		

Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.

Term hours subtotal: 6

Studies or a research opportunity with the Humanities Lab.

Term 6 - B 73 - 79 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Upper Division REL Outside Concentration Course	3	C	• If planning on law school, prepare to take the LSAT .
Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)	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 coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:		6	

Term 7 - A 79 - 85 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	• Explore graduate school opportunities.
Upper Division Elective	3		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:		6	

Term 7 - B 85 - 91 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	• View career webinars offered by Career and Professional Development Services.
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:		6	

Term 8 - A 91 - 97 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division Religion, Culture and Public Life Concentration Course	3	C	• Use Handshake to research employment opportunities .
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:		6	

Term 8 - B 97 - 103 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Upper Division Humanities, Arts and Design (HU) OR Upper Division Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3		
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:		6	

Term 9 - A 103 - 109 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ REL 406: Religious Studies Capstone I	1	C	• REL 406 and REL 407 serve as the capstone courses for this major and are typically offered only in the Spring semester.
Upper Division Elective	3		
Elective	2		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:		6	

Term 9 - B 109 - 114 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ REL 407: Religious Studies Capstone II	2	C	• Take advantage of mock interview opportunities and assistance with writing resumes and cover letters .
Upper Division Elective	3		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:		5	

Term 10 - A 114 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	• Apply for full-time career opportunities
Upper Division Elective	3		
★ Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:		6	

- 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 credit hours in Outside Concentration REL courses, at least three of which must be upper-division. Outside Concentration courses include all REL courses that are not part of the Religion, Culture and Public Life concentration. Due to their broad content, REL 100 and REL 321 appear in both the Religion, Culture and Public Life and the Outside Concentration course lists. Students may use these courses to satisfy a concentration requirement OR an Outside Concentration requirement, but each course will apply toward only ONE requirement, not both.
- Students complete 15 credits of courses in related areas, at least nine of which must be upper-division.
- At least 12 upper-division hours in the major (REL) must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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

Religion, Culture and Public Life	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 APA OR ARS OR ASB OR GCU OR HST OR HUL OR JUS OR PHI OR POS OR SGS OR SOC OR TCL OR WST Elective
REL 202: Religion and Popular Culture (HU & C)		
REL 205: Life, Sex and Death (HU)	REL 100: Religions of the World (HU & G)	ARB 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (HU & H & G)
REL 207: Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (L or HU)	REL 321: Religion in America ((L or HU) & C & H)	ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (G)
REL 301: Comparative Mysticism (HU)		ARB 336: Introduction to the Qur'an (G)
REL 310: Western Religious Traditions (HU & H)		BIO 312: Bioethics (HU)
REL 315: Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) ((L or HU) & H)		BIO 318: History of Medicine (HU & H)
REL 320: American Religious Traditions (HU & C & H)		ENG 333: American Ethnic Literature
REL 321: Religion in America ((L or HU) & C & H)		ENG 353: African American Literature: Beginnings through the Harlem Renaissance ((L or HU) & C)
REL 323: African American Religion (HU & C)		ENG 354: African American Literature: Harlem Renaissance to the Present ((L or HU) & C)
REL 324: Sacred Healing and Arts of the Africana World		ENG 356: The Bible as Literature (HU)
REL 330: Native American Worldviews (HU & C)		ENG 359: Indigenous American Literature ((L or HU) & C)
REL 343: Daoism ((L or HU) & G & H)		HON 370: History of Ideas (L or HU)
REL 350: Hinduism ((L or HU) & G)		IAS 430: Science and Religion (L or HU)
REL 351: Buddhism ((L or HU) & G)		

REL 371: New Testament (HU)

REL 382: Magick, Religion and Science (L or HU)

REL 390: Women, Gender and Religion (HU & G)

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

MUS 347: Jazz in America (HU & C)

MUS 354: Popular Music

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

MUS 371: World Music (HU & G)

PSY 350: Social Psychology (SB)

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)

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)

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.

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.