





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 - A 0 - 7 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 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 (MATH OR MA)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View ASU Online first-year student registration information here.
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	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 (MATH) 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.
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
⚠ Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	7		

Term 4 - B 48 - 54 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Quantitative Reasoning (QTRS)	3		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOBE)	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 (HUAD OR HU)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REL 307 is typically offered only in the Fall semester.
American Institutions (AMIT)	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.
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	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 Studies or a research opportunity with the Humanities Lab.
Governance and Civic Engagement (CIVI)	3		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	6		

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Term 6 - B 73 - 79 Credit Hours	Hours	Grade	Notes
Upper Division REL Outside Concentration Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If planning on law school, prepare to take the LSAT.
Sustainability (SUST)	3		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View career webinars offered by Career and Professional Development Services.
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Handshake to research employment opportunities.
Upper Division Elective	3		
Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 8 - B 97 - 103 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	
Upper Division 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for full-time career opportunities.
Upper Division Elective	3		
★ Maintain 2.50 GPA in REL coursework.			

- 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.

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Religion, Culture and Public Life	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 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 (HUAD OR HU & C)		ARB 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (GCSI OR HU & H & G)
REL 205: Life, Sex and Death (GCSI OR HU)	REL 100: Religions of the World (GCSI OR HU & G)	ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (GCSI OR G)
REL 207: Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (HUAD OR L or HU)	REL 321: Religion in America (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C & H)	ARB 336: Introduction to the Qur'an (GCSI OR G)
REL 301: Comparative Mysticism (HUAD OR HU)		BIO 312: Bioethics (HUAD OR HU)
REL 310: Western Religious Traditions (HU & H)		BIO 318: History of Medicine (HUAD OR HU & H)
REL 315: Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) (HUAD OR (L or HU) & H)		ENG 333: American Ethnic Literature
REL 320: American Religious Traditions (HUAD OR HU & C & H)		ENG 353: African American Literature: Beginnings through the Harlem Renaissance ((L or HU) & C)
REL 321: Religion in America (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C & H)		ENG 354: African American Literature: Harlem Renaissance to the Present (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C)
REL 323: African American Religion (HU & C)		ENG 356: The Bible as Literature
REL 324: Sacred Healing and Arts of the Africana World		ENG 359: Indigenous American Literature ((L or HU) & C)
REL 330: Native American Worldviews (HUAD OR HU & C)		HON 370: History of Ideas (GCSI OR L or HU)
REL 343: Daoism (HUAD OR (L or HU) & G & H)		IAS 430: Science and Religion (HUAD OR HU)
REL 350: Hinduism (GCSI OR (L or 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)
REL 351: Buddhism (GCSI OR (L or HU) & G)		
REL 371: New Testament (GCSI OR HU)		

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

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

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)

PSY 350: Social Psychology (SOBE OR SB)

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)

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)

- **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.

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.