

Areas I-V
Bachelor of Arts - Religion Major
MAJOR CODE: 38.0201A
RELIGION (RE)

Religious Studies is an academic discipline covering a number of different areas. It includes a study of ancient and modern religions along with their religious ideas and practices. It investigates sacred texts that come from different religious traditions. Interpreting these texts requires knowledge of historical and sociological research methods along with literary theory covered in our curriculum. The field of religious studies also investigates the relationship between religion and culture. The religious studies program, therefore, provides students with the tools to engage in a serious study of the world's religions and their writings. Courses are designed to provide necessary knowledge and skills as well as generating reflection, discussion, and research.

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Program components for the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Religion include:

1. APPLICABLE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:

To graduate, each student must:

- complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of the last 39 semester hours at ASU.
- complete 60 to 64 semester hours of upper level college/university credit (300-400 level courses).
- complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper (300/400) level coursework in his or her major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by consortium arrangement. School or departmental regulations may require more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University.
- complete all course requirements for major(s).
- complete all course requirements for minor (if applicable).
- complete all of the general education requirements for the degree.
- attain an overall grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University and at least a 2.0 in the major field. School or departmental regulations may require more than a 2.0 grade point average (see major requirements in each discipline).
- complete the total hour requirement as specified by the degree.
- complete the teacher certification requirements (if applicable).

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Area I. Written Composition6 semester hours ___ __

Area II. Humanities/Fine Arts (12 semester hours)

At least one fine arts course3 semester hours ___

At least one literature course3 semester hours ___

Other Humanities/Fine Arts courses6 semester hours ___ __

Area III. Mathematics and Natural Sciences (11 semester hours)

Finite Math or its equivalent required3 semester hours ___

Natural Sciences (lab based) required 8 semester hours ___ __

Area IV. History/Behavioral and Social Sciences (12 semester hours)

At least one history course3 semester hours __
Other History/Behavioral or Social Science courses9 semester hours ____

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS41 SEMESTER HOURS

MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)

Survey of the Old Testament or
Survey of the New Testament3 semester hours __
CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications or
CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers3 semester hours __
General electives17 semester hours _____

TOTAL MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS:19-23 SEMESTER HOURS

TOTAL GEN. ED. REQ. & MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS:60-64 SEMESTER HOURS

PROFESSIONAL COURSES:

Area Five

I. Required

PH 300 Moral Values in Today's Society.....3 semester hours __
RE 301 Religions that Shaped the World.....3 semester hours __

HY 310 History of American Religion.....3 semester hours __

RE 409 Christian Thought in Early Centuries **OR**

RE 412 Hebrew Prophets **OR**

RE 413 Wisdom and Devotional Literature.....3 semester hours __

RE 327 Sociology of Religion..... 3 semester hours __

RE 351 Introduction to Christian Thought.....3 semester hours __

RE 416 Interpreting the Text.....3 semester hours __

Total` _____ 21 semester hours

II. Electives in Religion (Select 9 hours of Religion Electives)

RE 300 Religion, Culture and Media.....3 semester hours __

RE 302 Religion and Literature.....3 semester hours __

PH 320 Bio Medical Ethics.....3 semester hours __

RE 409 Christian Thought in Early Centuries.....3 semester hours __

RE 412 Hebrew Prophets.....3 semester hours __

RE 413 Wisdom and Devotional Literature.....3 semester hours __

(One of the three courses--RE 409, RE 412, RE 413-
will count as a requirement and the other two count as
religion electives.)

RE Biblical Hebrew Grammar I.....3 semester hours __

RE Biblical Hebrew Grammar II.....3 semester hours __

RE New Testament Greek I.....3 semester hours __

RE New Testament Greek II.....3 semester hours ____

Total _____ **9 semester hours**

(Take at least 3 of the above. If you take more than three you can count them below in your electives.)

Total in Major _____ **30 semester hours**

III. Minor or area of focus is optional. For a minor you must complete 18 semester hours and an additional 12-16 general elective semester hours of 300-400 level coursework to meet the required hours for graduation. If, however, you decide not to complete a minor or area of focus you will need 30-34 semester hours to have the required hours to graduate.

Requirements for Minor or Area of Focus

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

Total in Minor or Area of Focus _____ **18 semester hours**

General Electives With Minor or Area of Focus
(May include religion or philosophy courses)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

General Electives _____ **12-16 Semester hours**
Total Hours for Minor and General Electives _____ **30-34 Semester hours**

OR

General Electives Without Minor or Area of Focus
(May include religion or philosophy courses)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

Total Electives _____ **30-34 Semester hours**

Total Hours Areas 1-4 _____ **60-64 Semester Hours**

Total Hours for Area Five (300-400 Level Courses) _____ **60-64 Semester Hours**

TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION 124-128 semester hours

Note: It is recommended that religion and philosophy students planning to attend graduate school or seminary take at least 6 semester hours of foreign languages. The most common languages used in these disciplines are French, German, Greek, and Hebrew.

Religion courses accepted from non-accredited schools will serve only as general electives, will not apply toward humanities or social science elective requirements, and will not apply toward the minor.