

# BA Degree in Religion at Athens State via Distance Learning

Athens State University is a *two-year upper level University* offering courses at a Junior and Senior level. This means that you will have to transfer from another school into Athens State University. To transfer, a prospective student must have 60-64 semester hours. A student can be considered for early admission if (1) he or she has at least 41 semester hours, (2) a 2.0 or higher GPA on a 4 point scale, (3) and has completed all the general education requirements. For information on this and **general university requirements refer to the Athens State University catalog for specifics, which can be accessed online at the ASU website.**

## General Education Requirements

**Areas 1-4:** The 124-128 hours for our degree is divided into five areas. Areas 1-4 are the General Education Requirements. These requirements should be taken before applying to Athens. Some but not all courses at Athens can be used to fulfill general education requirements. For instance, if you lack a Literature class you can take one at Athens for a General Education requirement. If you lack an English Composition course, however, you would not be able to take that at Athens. If you lack any General Education Requirements, contact an advisor before applying for admission to Athens.

**Preprofessional Classes:** These courses fall under area four and therefore should be taken at a 100-200 level. However, if you do not have these courses you can take courses at Athens State University that may substitute for the preprofessional courses. Be sure to consult your advisor in selecting the proper classes.

## Professional Courses

**Area Five:** The professional level courses are the courses taken at Athens State University and are 300-400 level.

For advising in relation to the General Education requirements, you may contact Mr. Barry Devine (256) 233-8277 or Campus Email [barry.devine@athens.edu](mailto:barry.devine@athens.edu). For area five, faculty members in the area of religion will advise students. Contact Dr. Tony L. Moyers 256-233-6511 or Dr. Robert A. White 256-216-3641.

## Areas I-V Bachelor of Arts - Religion Major MAJOR CODE: 38.0201A

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Area I. Written Composition .....6 semester hours \_\_\_

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

At least one fine arts course .....3 semester hours \_\_\_

At least one literature course .....3 semester hours \_\_\_

Other Humanities/Fine Arts courses .....6 semester hours \_\_\_

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

Finite Math or its equivalent required .....3 semester hours \_\_  
Natural Sciences (lab based) required ..... 8 semester hours \_\_ \_\_

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

At least one history course .....3 semester hours \_\_  
Other History/Behavioral or Social Science courses .....9 semester hours \_\_ \_\_ \_\_

**TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS .....41 SEMESTER HOURS**

**MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)**

Survey of the Old Testament or  
Survey of the New Testament .....3 semester hours \_\_  
CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications or  
CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers .....3 semester hours \_\_  
General electives .....17 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 Psalms and Wisdom 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 Psalms and Wisdom 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 330 Biblical Hebrew Grammar I.....3 semester hours \_\_\_\_
- RE 331 Biblical Hebrew Grammar II.....3 semester hours \_\_\_\_
- RE 340 New Testament Greek I.....3 semester hours \_\_\_\_
- RE 341 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. \_\_\_\_\_
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10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Electives** \_\_\_\_\_ **30-34 Semester hours**

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**Total Hours Areas 1-4** \_\_\_\_\_ **60-64 Semester Hours**

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

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**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.