

Religious Studies, BA



University of Wyoming, 2015-16

Freshman Fall Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP First-Year Seminar	3	C	FY
USP Human Culture (Language *)	4		H
USP US & Wyoming Constitutions	3		V
ENGL 1010 College Composition and Rhetoric	3	C	C1
RELI 1000 Introduction to Religion	3		ASG
Credit hours subtotal:	16		

Freshman Spring Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Human Culture (Language *)	4		H
USP Physical & Natural World	3		PN
USP Quantitative Reasoning	3		Q
Religion Course: First Concentration **	3		
Credit hours subtotal:	16		

Sophomore Fall Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Physical & Natural World	3		PN
Language *	4		
Religion Elective	3		ASD
Elective	3		
Credit hours subtotal:	13		

Sophomore Spring Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Religion Course: Second Concentration ***	3	C	C2; choose from RELI 2200 (Contemporary American Religion), RELI 2320 (History of Islam), RELI 2450 (Traditional African Religion), or RELI/HIST 3245 (Christianity Since Darwin).
Electives	12		
Credit hours subtotal:	15		

This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the *University Catalog* and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

College of Arts and Sciences requirements:

Students must take two "core" courses in addition to the USP requirements: Diversity in the United States (ASD) and Global Awareness (ASG). • No more than 60 hours in the major subject may be used toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation. • At least 30 hours in the major subject must be completed with a grade of C or better (the major may require more).

Religious Studies Program Notes:

* A **single language** must be taken for three (3) semesters to fulfill the 12 hour foreign language requirement for the program. • Another form of non-English/symbolic communication, including sign language, advanced mathematics, computer science, etc., may be substituted for the foreign language requirement. Please see the department chair or an advisor for exceptions. • Students taking American Sign Language to fulfill the language requirement of the major will have to take other courses to fulfill the USP H requirements.

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Junior Fall Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Religion Course: First Concentration **		3		Upper division course.
Upper Division Religion Elective		3		
Electives		9		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		

Junior Spring Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Religion Course: Second Concentration ***		3		Upper division course.
Upper Division Elective		3		
Electives		9		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		

Senior Fall Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
RELI	4000 Theories of Religion	3	C	C3
Religion Course: First Concentration **		3		Upper division course.
Upper Division Electives		9		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		

Senior Spring Semester		Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
Religion Course: Second Concentration ***		3		Upper division course.
Upper Division Religion Elective		3		
Upper Division Electives		9		
Credit hours subtotal:		15		

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: **120**

Religious Studies Program Notes con't:

- A major in Religious Studies requires 33 hours from the following categories:

Two required courses (6 hrs): RELI 1000 (Introduction to Religion) and RELI 4000 (Theories of Religion).

**** First Concentration** (9 hrs): Religious Studies majors must fulfill two (2) concentrations: first and second. The first concentration must include three (3) courses on 1) single religion or 2) the religions of a particular region or culture. Courses may be from a limited time period or spread across history. Students may choose from established concentrations or create their own concentration in consultation with their advisors. Six (6) hours of the required nine (9) must be upper division (3000-level or above).

***** Second Concentration** (9 hrs): Religious Studies majors must fulfill two (2) concentrations: first and second. The second concentration must be in a religion, region, or culture significantly different from the primary concentration. Six (6) hours of the required nine (9) must be upper division (3000-level or above).

Electives (9 hrs): Three (3) courses in Religious Studies to be chosen in accordance with the student's interests. Six (6) hours of the required nine (9) must be upper division (3000-level or above).

- Courses for the major should be drawn from those with a RELI prefix or from a list of approved courses taught by other departments or programs. In each of the concentrations, only one course may be from outside RELI offerings. Occasionally, courses on religion are taught by outside departments as one-time opportunities. Students may propose these for inclusion in the major. Please discuss with an academic advisor.