RELIGIOUS STUDIES, MAJOR

Liberal Arts (Code 411-201)

University Requirements

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<td>Upper division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher)</td>
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<td>Major, Comprehensive, upper division in residence</td>
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<td>Certificate</td>
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Procedures Required for Graduation

Obtain admission to the degree program and/or the College offering it.
Apply for graduation on CampS.

¹ Certain programs exceed this minimum.
² See special requirements in each College.
³ See special requirements for the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Liberal Education Core

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire measures learning outcomes to ensure that its graduates have achieved a liberal education and prepared themselves to contribute to a complex society. Upon graduation, each undergraduate will have met the four learning goals of our liberal education core and the 11 learning outcomes they comprise.

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<td>Knowledge Goal</td>
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<td>Knowledge Outcome 1 (K1): Natural Sciences</td>
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<td>Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences</td>
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<td>One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.</td>
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College Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree (B.A./B.S.)

University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements.

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and the certificate are computed similarly.

Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements. A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.

Certain degree programs which include Comprehensive Majors may require more than the minimum of 120 credits for graduation.

Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available)...
may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here.

**College Credits.** Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.A.)**

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); foreign language competency at the 102 level. Foreign language competency may be met in one of two ways: (1) Achieve a score on the foreign language placement test that qualifies the student to enter the 201-level course in a foreign language. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in a 102-level foreign language course (or AIS 112 or AIS 122 / LANG 122 or CSD 103).

**Bachelor of Science Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.S.)**

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); mathematics competency at the MATH 111, MATH 112 or MATH 113 level. Mathematics competency can be met in one of three ways: (1) Achieve a score on the mathematics placement test that qualifies the student to enter MATH 114. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in MATH 111, MATH 112, or MATH 113. (3) Achieve a satisfactory score on the MATH 112 competency test. This test may be attempted no more than two times.

**Major Requirements**

Thirty-six semester credits, including:

Three credits from core courses (to be taken by all majors before the completion of six credits of Religious Studies coursework):

- RELS 100 Introduction to the Religions of the World
- RELS 110 Basic Issues in Religion
- RELS 210 Religion and Morality

**Capstone**

All Religious Studies majors must complete the following capstone requirements.

Three credits to be taken in junior or senior year of the following: 1

- RELS 470 The Problem of Evil
- RELS 490 Seminar in Religious Studies
- RELS 491 Special Topics
- RELS 499 Independent Study - Seniors

Monothestic Religions:

A minimum of nine credits from:

- RELS 303 Early Christianity
- RELS 304 Modern Christianity
- RELS 307 Judaism
- RELS 309 Islam

Asian Religions:

A minimum of nine credits from the following:

- RELS 312 Buddhism: Past and Present

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Methodological Approaches:

- A minimum of three credits from the following: 3
  - RELS 230 Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
  - RELS 240 New Testament
  - RELS 315 Psychology of Religion
  - RELS/PHIL Philosophy of Religion
  - ANTH 463 Religion and Culture

The remaining coursework may be taken from the three previous categories and any of the courses listed below:

- RELS/WMNS 203 Women and World Religions
- RELS 210 Religion and Morality
- RELS 290 Sacred Earth: Religion and Nature
- RELS/AIS Indigenous Religions of the Americas
- RELS 334 Music in Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- RELS 342 African American Religion
- RELS 348 Religious Themes in Literature
- RELS 378 The Holocaust, 1933-1945
- RELS 390 Religion in America
- RELS 470 The Problem of Evil
- RELS 490 Seminar in Religious Studies

Other:

- RELS 291 Special Topics
- RELS 395 Directed Studies
- RELS 396 Research Apprenticeship in Religious Studies
- RELS 397 Student Academic Apprenticeship in Religious Studies
- RELS 399 Independent Study - Juniors
- RELS 491 Special Topics
- RELS 498 Internship in Religious Studies
- RELS 499 Independent Study - Seniors

1 Plus completion of the capstone essay for that course. The essay must be approved for capstone credit by the faculty teaching the course. Other upper-level courses also may be considered (prior approval by faculty required). Students must submit a major research paper produced for the course in order to fulfill the capstone requirement.

2 A maximum of three credits may be counted toward the major from any combination of RELS 395, RELS 399, RELS 498, and RELS 499, and a maximum of three credits may be counted toward the major from the combination of RELS 396 and RELS 397.