

Cleveland State University  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

**First Year**

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
ENG 101 English I	3		W/C	ENG 102 English II	3		W/C
Math/Quantitative Literacy	4		M/QL	Math/Quantitative Literacy	4		M/QL
ASC 101 Introduction to University Life	1		Intro	Natural Science Elective	3 to 4		NS
REL 101 Understanding Religion	4	X	A&H	Natural Science Elective Lab	1		NS Lab
Social Science Elective	3 to 4		SS	REL Diversity Elective	4	X	
<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>15 to 16</i>			<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>15 to 16</i>		

**Second Year**

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
REL Diversity Requirement	4	X		Social Science Elective (outside US or ALAAME)	3 to 4		SS
Arts & Humanities (outside the US/ALAAME)	3 to 4	X	A&H	Natural Science Elective	3 to 4		NS
Social Diversity Elective (US)	3 to 4		DIV-US	REL Diversity Requirement	4	X	
Foreign Language Requirement (If needed)	5		CLASS	Foreign Language Requirement (If needed)	5		CLASS
<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>15 to 17</i>			<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>15 to 17</i>		

**Third Year**

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
WAC/SPAC Course Elective	3 to 4		WAC/SP	WAC Course Elective	3 to 4		WAC
Social Diversity (AA)	3 to 4		DIV-AA	General Elective	3 to 4		
REL Elective 300/400	4	X		REL Research Skills Requirement 300/400	4	X	
REL 350**Religion in Interdisciplinary Perspective or	4	X		REL 350** Religion in Interdisciplinary Perspective or	4	X	
REL Elective 300/400				REL Elective 300/400			
<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>14 to 16</i>			<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>14 to 16</i>		

**Fourth Year**

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
REL 490 Senior Thesis Proposal (Capstone)	1	X	x	REL 491 Senior Thesis Writing (Capstone)	3	X	CAP/WAC
General Elective* 300/400	4			General Elective*300/400	4		
General Elective* 300/400	4			General Elective*300/400	4		
REL Elective 300/400	4	X		General Elective	4		
General Elective	4						
<i>Apply for Spring graduation prior to Sep 9th</i>							
<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>17</i>			<i>Semester Total</i>	<i>15</i>		
<i>Credit Total: 120 to 130 (minimum 128 required for degree)</i>							

Assumptions: college-level readiness in MTH & ENG; no Foreign Language Deficiency

College/Program Notes: If the CLASS Foreign Language Requirement was fulfilled in High School, the 10 university credits listed here must still be taken in any subject in order to reach the 128 total credit hours required for the degree.

\*\*REL 350 is offered once per academic year. Third-year students should take it in whatever semester it is offered.

The plan above is a suggested guide to ensure that all General Education, College, University, and Major requirements are met within 4 years of study. Students may deviate from the suggested placement of Gen Ed courses, although the M/QL and W/C requirements should be completed during the first year of study.

\*General Electives ensure that a student accumulates the minimum credit hour totals needed for graduation. Students must have a **minimum of 128 total credit hours**, of which a **minimum of 42 credit hours** must be upper division (300 or 400-level courses). Depending upon other elective choices made, students may not need as many general electives as indicated above, or may need additional electives.

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**University Notes:**

**Gen Ed Key:**

INTRO = Introduction to University Life Requirement (one course)

W/C = Writing/Composition Requirement (two courses; C or better required)

M/QL = Mathematics/Quantitative Literacy Requirement (two courses)

NS = Natural Sciences (two courses, one of which must have a lab)

SS = Social Sciences Requirement (2 courses, one of which must be focused outside the US\*\*)

A&H = Arts & Humanities Requirement (2 courses, one must be focused outside the US\*\*)

DIV = Social Diversity Requirement (2 courses; one US Diversity and one African American Exp.)

WAC/SPAC = Writing/Speaking Across the Curriculum Requirement (3 courses, one in the major)

CAP = Capstone Requirement

\*\* of the SS and A&H courses focused outside the US, one must be focused on Africa, Latin America, Asia or the Middle East (ALAAME)

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