
**Major Overview:** In Religious Studies, students will learn to understand religion as it spans various disciplines as well as various cultures, this prepares students to think critically and creatively connect differing perspectives, an essential foundation for intercultural civic engagement.

The Religious Studies major includes the following suggested courses from General Education:


**U.S. Diversity:** *REL 340-Religion and Popular Culture in the U.S.

**Admission Criteria:**
- 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- Declare your major through Banner; B.S. or B.A. in Religious Studies

### Sample Freshman Schedule

**Academic Year Options**

**Recommended**
- WRT 150—Strategies in Writing
- MTH 110—Algebra
- REL 100—Religions of the World
- REL 200—Intro to Religious Studies: Concepts, Methods and Traditions
- General Ed Foundations requirements*

**Additional**
- Global Perspectives on Traditions:
  - PHI 210—Eastern Philosophy
- Religious Studies-200 Level Electives:
  - HST 211—History of Islamic Civilization
  - ENG 204—World Mythology
- Gen Ed Cultures requirements*

*May be fulfilled by major requirements

**Note:** Students pursuing B.A. Religious Studies option, may choose to begin their language during the first year at GVSU.

### Sample Transfer Student Schedule

**Academic Year Options**

**Recommended**
- General Ed Foundations and Cultures requirements*
- REL 100—Religions of the World
- REL 200—Intro to Religious Studies: Concepts, Methods and Traditions
- STA 215—Statistics (part of the B.S. program requirement)
- REL 300—Contemporary Theories and Issues in Religious Studies *(offered winter only)*

**Additional**
- Religious Studies Electives courses
- Gen Ed Issues requirements*
- General Ed Foundations Requirements course*

*May be fulfilled by major requirements

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**Sample sequencing of Core requirements:** *REL 100 — REL 200 — REL 300 — REL 495

*offered fall semester only

**offered winter semester only

It is highly recommended that you meet with an advisor early in your career at GVSU. To schedule an appointment with a Brooks College advisor call 616-331-8200.