RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR, B.A. – 2021-2022

**PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR**

Two lower-division Religious Studies courses, except language courses ................................................................. 8

Students may select 1 lower-division course from Area A and 1 lower-division course from Area B. Alternatively, by petition students may select 2 lower-division courses from Area A, provided that they represent different cultural areas and traditions.

**A. Introductions to Cultural Areas and Traditions:** Rg St 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 47, 48, 61, 61B, 71, 73, 80A-B, 84

**B. Introductions to Topics in the Study of Religion:** Rg St 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 24, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 62, 74, 81, 82, 83, 85

**UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR**

36 UD Religious Studies units are required, distributed as follows:

**A. Cultural Areas and Traditions**

6 courses (24 units) chosen from the following five areas, including at least 3 courses (12 units) in one area of emphasis and at least 2 courses (8 units) in a second area of emphasis:


5. Comparative and Thematic Studies: By petition students may combine any courses from upper-division Areas A and B to create a custom comparative or thematic course of study (see the Department Undergraduate Advisor for more information).

**B. Topics in the Study of Religion**


**C. Capstone Experience**

All students must complete Problems in the Study of Religion (Rg St 104) in their Junior or Senior year or write a Senior Honors Thesis (Rg St 195) under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The department recommends that all students complete Rg St 104 in their Junior year and that honors students complete Rg St 104 in addition to writing a Senior Honors Thesis.

**Notes:**

1) Upper-division courses listed above in more than one area can be applied only to one area.

2) Up to 4 upper-division units from related courses in other departments may be applied to the major by petition.

3) Up to 4 units of Rg St 199 (Independent Study) may apply toward Area A of the upper-division major.

**MAJOR REGULATIONS**

**PREREQUISITES**

Check the General Catalog for the prerequisites to all listed courses.

**P/NP GRADING OPTION**

Not allowed for any major course (Prep or UD major), including courses applied to the major from other departments.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**

In the major requirements permissible only by petition to the department chair and dean.

**GPA REQUIREMENTS**

At least 2.0 overall UC average in all upper-division major courses and all courses (Prep and UD) for the major.

**DOUBLE MAJORS**

With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously to both UD majors.