REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

Summer 2011 through Spring 2012

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	**120**	Upper-Division Within Total	**48**
Major Hours —	**36**	Upper-Division Within Major	**21**

Grade Point Averages:
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - **2.25** OU - **2.25**
48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED

Religious Studies

B820

Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS
Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at **http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/**

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

a. **English Composition** (6 hours, 2 courses)
1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, **or** EXPO 1213, Expository Writing

b. **Foreign Language** (0-13 hours in the same language)
The College of Arts and Sciences requirement ***cannot be met by high school coursework***.
1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____
2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____
♦ 3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). _____
One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.

c. **Mathematics** (3 hours, 1 course). _____

Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.

♦ 1.**Biological Science** _____
Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO.

♦ 2.**Physical Science** _____
Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. _____

Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)

a: **Understanding Artistic Forms** (3 hours, 1 course) _____

b. **Western Civilization and Culture** (6 hours, 2 courses)
1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, **or** History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,
2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)

c. **Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course):_____

d. **Additional Core IV Humanities courses** (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.

♦ 1. _____

♦ 2. _____

Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): _____

♦ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

Computer Literacy Requirement — Students must demonstrate computer proficiency which includes the competent use of a variety of software and networking applications. This requirement may be satisfied by:
1. A high school computer science course that meets curricular requirement; **or**
2. Completion of a college-level course that requires competent use of computing; **or**
3. Completion of a university computer proficiency assessment test.

Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

No course may be used more than once to satisfy major requirements. Courses counted for the major may not be used for other majors or minors, except for support requirements. A grade of C or better must be earned for each course fulfilling requirements for the Religious Studies degree.

I. Introductory Courses—six hours.
A. RELS 1113, Intro. to Religious Studies — 3

B. One course, three hours chosen from:
ANTH1823, Religion in Everyday Life
PHIL 1203, Philosophy & Human Destiny
PHIL 2403, Intro. to Philosophy of Religion
RELS 2003, Topics in Intro. to Religion
RELS 2403, Comparative Religion
RELS 2413, Religion, Culture, Meaning of Life
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II. The Variety of Religious Traditions— nine hours; at least one course from three of the following groups.

A. Judaism
HIST 3973, Judaism - A Religious History

B. Christianity
RELS 3133, Intro. to Christianity

C. Islam
IAS 2413, Islam
RELS 2303, Islamic Religious Tradition
RELS 2503, Islam through Texts

D. Asian Traditions
PHIL/IAS 1223, Intro. to Asian Philosophy
PHIL 3303, East Asian Philosophy
RELS 2703, Intro. to Buddhism
RELS 2713, Intro. to Hinduism

E. Indigenous Traditions
NAS 3113, Native American Philosophy

F. Other Traditions
RELS 2013, Intro. to Religious Traditions
RELS 3023, Special Topics in Religious Traditions
RELS 3663, Greek and Roman Religion
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III. Approaches to Religious Studies– nine hours: at least one course from three of the following groups. Students should consult with the departmental adviser for specific content offered under variable topics courses.

A. Religion, Literature, and the Arts:
A HI 3263, Survey of Byzantine Art/Architecture
A HI 4233, Medieval Art I: Early Christian
A HI 4243, Medieval Art II: Romanesque
A HI 4253, Medieval Art III: Gothic
A HI 4273, Byzantine Icons
A HI 4913, Seminar: Survey of Asian Art
AFAM3143, Gospel Music
ENGL 3653, The Bible as Literature
MLLL 3063, Survey of Jewish Literature
MLLL 3073, The Hebrew Bible as Literature
MLLL 4993, Epics of India
RELS 2143, Introduction to the Bible
RELS 3013, Special Topics in Religious Texts
RELS 3033, Special Topics-Religion, Lit., & the Arts
RELS 3143, Christian Scriptures
RELS 3163, New Testament/Early Christian Lit.
RELS 3173, The Bible in the 21st Century
RELS 3183, Lost Christian Scriptures
RELS 3533, The Qur'an
RELS 3653, Jesus On Screen and Off

B. Religion, Social Organizations, & Politics:
ANTH3423, Anthropology of Religion
CL C 3053, Origins of Christianity
HON 2973, American Religion on the Margins
HON 2973, Religion and State
P SC 3033, Religion & Politics in America
P SC 3053, Global Religion & Amer. Foreign Policy

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - continued

PSY 4733, Social Psychology & Religion
RELS 3043, Topics-Religion, Social Org. & Politics
RELS 3213, Religion and Violence
RELS 3313, World Religions in America
RELS 3413, Approaches to the Study of Religion
RELS 3543, Islamic Law
RELS 3623, Discovering the Apostle Paul
RELS 3633, Religious Leaders for Social Justice
SOC 3873, Religion & Society

C. Religion and History
HIST 3113, The Crusades
HIST 3143, The Era of the Reformation
HIST 3203, Transformation of the Jews
HIST 3413, The History of Ancient Israel
HIST 3430, Topics: American Jewish History
HIST/IAS 3663, Political Islam
HIST 3683, Jewish Mysticism
HIST 3733, History of Heaven and Hell
HIST 3840, Topics in Asian History
HIST 3893, Culture & Society in the Middle East
HIST 3963, Rebirth of Israel
HIST 3973, Judaism - A Religious History
HIST 3983, Medieval Jewish History
HIST 3993, The Evolution of Martyrdom
HIST 4003, Jews and Other Germans
HIST 4023, Inquisitions
HSCI 2443, Science in a Religious World
HSCI 2453, God and Nature
HSCI 3453, Science & Civilization in Islam
HSCI 3823, Science in Medieval Culture
RELS 3053, Special Topics in Religion & History
RELS 3153, Historical Jesus
RELS 3673, Church Fathers
RELS 3683, Christian Heresies

D. Religion and Philosophy
PHIL 3283, Religion & the Environment
PHIL 3303, East Asian Philosophy
PHIL 3423, Ancient & Medieval Religious Philosophy
PHIL 3433, Modern Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 3443, Cont. Issues in Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 3733, Religion in Political Theory
PHIL/IAS 4343, Early Chinese Philosophy
PHIL 4473, Philosophy of Religion
RELS 3063, Special Topics in Religion & Philosophy
RELS 3303, Conceptions of the Afterlife
CAS/RELS 3403, Death, Grief, Growth
RELS 3563, Islamic Theology
RELS 3723, Buddhist Meditation Traditions
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IV. Electives— nine hours; three courses chosen from those listed under I. II. and III., or courses chosen from the following group:
RELS 2900, Special Topics in RELS
RELS 3113, Internship in RELS
RELS 3643, Study Abroad
RELS 3900, Special Topics
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V. Capstone Course—three hours
RELS 4323, Capstone — 3

Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

UPPER-DIVISION HOURS: A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

MAJOR WORK: A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. COURSES: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

RESIDENCY:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are ***not*** considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES: Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

SPECIAL DEGREES: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION: Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available from the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Services office, Ellison Hall, Room 124. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Religious Studies - B820

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or Department of Religious Studies academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Religious Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), **or**	3
	MATH (Core I)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	
	RELS 1113, Intro. to Religious Studies	3	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	Religious Studies Major Requirement: Introductory Course*‡	3
			Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			Social Science (Core III)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**14**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**17**
SOPHOMORE	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, **or**	3	†Religious Traditions Major Requirement	3
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)		†Religious Studies Conceptual Groupings Requirement	3
	†Religious Traditions Major Requirement	3	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Free Elective, lower-division	3
	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)*	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**16**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**
JUNIOR	†Religious Traditions Major Requirement, upper-division	3	†Religious Studies Conceptual Groupings Requirement, upper-division	3
	†Religious Studies Conceptual Groupings Requirement, upper-division	3	† Religious Studies Major Elective, upper-division	3
	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)‡	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division §	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**
SENIOR	† Religious Studies Major Elective, upper-division	3	RELS 4323, Capstone (Capstone)	3
	† Religious Studies Major Elective, upper-division	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	**15**	**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**	**15**

•If deficient in computer literacy, contact your college academic counselor in the Hobson Academic Services Center, ELLH 124, 325-4411, for approved courses.

* If the Western Civilization & Culture Gen. Ed. requirement is satisfied by the Religious Studies Introductory course, a lower-division elective is to be selected.

† The Religious Studies major requires 21 upper-division hours within the major; therefore, some of the major requirement courses listed in the semester grid must be selected at the upper-division level to ensure this requirement is met.

‡ If the Non-Western Culture Gen. Ed. requirement is satisfied by ANTH 1823 as the Religious Studies Introductory course, a lower-division elective is to be selected.

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.
This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELLH 124, 325-4411, **http://ou.edu/cas**. Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at **https://iadvise.ou.edu/**.