

# RELIGION MAJOR (B.A.)

The religion program offers courses in four areas:

- Biblical Studies and Sacred Texts
- Christian Traditions, Theology and Ecumenical Studies
- Comparative Religion
- Religious and Social Ethics

In addition to meeting the standards and requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences, degree candidates must complete a minimum of 30 credits in religion. Students may modify the major program only in consultation with a department adviser.

The curriculum for the religion program comprises three levels.

Link to College Core requirement (<http://catalogue.shu.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/core-curriculum/>).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introductory Level Courses</b>		
Select two of the following courses:		6
RELS 1010	Religious Dimension of Life	
RELS 1102	Intro to Bible	
RELS 1103	Intro Old Test.-Hebrew Bible	
RELS 1104	Intro to the New Testament	
RELS 1202	Christian Belief-Thought	
RELS 1302	Intro to Catholic Theology	
RELS 1402	Religions of the World	
RELS 1502	Contemporary Moral Issues	
RELS 1503	Christian Ethics	
RELS 1504	Faith and Justice	
RELS 2411	Jewish Beliefs and Practices *	
RELS 2415	Intro to Islam *	
RELS 2418	Buddhist World Thought-Culture *	
RELS 2513	War, Peace-Theological Ethics *	
Subtotal		6
<b>Advanced Level Courses</b>		
RELS 2010	Method in Study of Rel-Theo **	3
RELS courses numbered between 2100-3999 ***		18
Subtotal		21
<b>Seminar</b>		
RELS 4010	****	3
Subtotal		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

\* Prerequisite: CORE 1101 Journey of Transformation

\*\* In consultation with their departmental advisers, religion majors complete the course in method (3 credits), and then choose one advanced course from each of the four major areas of study (12 credits). At least one of these courses must be at the 3000 level. In order to ensure depth of study, majors complete two additional advanced courses (6 credits) in one of the four major areas of study, at least one of which must be at the 3000 level.

\*\*\* If RELS 2411 Jewish Beliefs and Practices, RELS 2415 Intro to Islam, and/or RELS 2418 Buddhist World Thought-Culture are

taken to complete the introductory level requirements, then they may not be applied toward the 21 credits of advanced courses. \*\*\*\* This seminar serves as the capstone for the religion program. Prerequisites are 75 credits overall, with 27 credits in religion (including RELS 2010 Method in Study of Rel-Theo).