

## Academic Map: Religious Studies

**Department:** Philosophy and Religion      **Degree:** BA  
**Program/Major:** Religious Studies  
**Track/Emphasis:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No)** Yes

### Important program information in the online *Undergraduate Bulletin*:

**UCA Core Requirements:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/uca-core/>  
**LD UCA Core Check Sheet:** <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>  
**UD UCA Core Course List:** <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>  
**Degree Requirements:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/>  
**Program Description:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/programs-by-program/interdisciplinary/religious-studies/>  
**Course Descriptions:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/courses/>

**This degree program requires a total of 120 semester credit hours, including at least 40 upper-division credit hours.**

Comparable courses in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) are cross-referenced in the ACTS column of each semester block below; a [core link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* Lower-Division (LD) UCA Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* ACTS page (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) for additional information and a UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

**Scholarship recipients:** Please be aware of eligibility criteria for your scholarship(s). In particular, pay attention to (1) the enrollment requirements each semester for disbursement of your scholarship(s) and (2) the number of hours and GPA required each semester and/or year for renewal of your scholarship(s). Some Academic Maps may suggest enrollment in fewer hours than required for disbursement of your scholarship(s). In such cases, work with your academic advisor to adjust your schedule to meet requirements most efficiently. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (501) 450-3140 with any questions regarding enrollment/renewal requirements of your scholarship(s). For online information resources, see endnote 1.

### Year 1

#### Fall – Semester 1 (credit hours: 15)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG	1310	Introduction to College Writing	3	<a href="#">ENGL1013</a>
MATH	1360	Quantitative Literacy <sup>2</sup>	3	<a href="#">MATH1113</a>
RELG RELG	1320 1330	World Religions (LD UCA Core: Diversity [HUM]) or Exploring Religion (LD UCA Core: Fine Arts/Humanities [HUM]) <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
PHIL	1375	FYS: Diversity in World Cultures or Other First Year Seminar <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		Foreign language, 2000-level or above <sup>4</sup>	3	<a href="#">acts link</a>

#### Spring – Semester 2 (credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG ENGL	1320 1320	Academic Writing and Research or Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or Other approved alternative <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">ENGL1023</a> <a href="#">ENGL1023</a> <a href="#">core link</a>
RELG	1330	Exploring Religion (LD UCA Core: Fine Arts/Humanities [HUM]) or World Religions (LD UCA Core: Diversity [HUM]) or	3	<a href="#">core link</a>

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
RELG	1320	Other LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>		
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core (Lab Science) <sup>3</sup>	4	<a href="#">core link</a>

**Year 2****Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
RELG		Asian Religious Traditions or Monotheistic Religious Traditions Core Course (UD UCA Core) <sup>5</sup>	3	
RELG		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup>	3	
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		General Elective	3	

**Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 16)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
RELG	3301	Theories and Methods in Religious Studies (UD UCA Core: I, C) <sup>5</sup>	3	
		General Elective	3	
		General Elective	3	
		LD UCA Core (Lab Science) <sup>3</sup>	4	<a href="#">core link</a>
RELG		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup>	3	

**Year 3****Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
RELG		Asian Religious Traditions or Monotheistic Religious Traditions Core Course (UD UCA Core) <sup>5</sup>	3	
		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	

**Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
RELG		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup> (UD UCA Core) <sup>5</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	
		General elective	3	

**Year 4****Fall – Semester 7 (Credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
RELG		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup>	3	
		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	

**Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: 13)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup> (UD UCA Core: Z) <sup>5</sup>	3	
		RELG major elective <sup>6</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>7</sup>	3	
		General elective	1	

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SIGNED – DEPARTMENT CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SIGNED – COLLEGE DEAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**To be completed by the advisor when an Eight-Semester plan is accepted by the student:**

**If applicable, has student selected a minor?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**

**If “yes,” specify:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> See online information resources for UCA scholarships at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/> and for state scholarships at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/>.

The Department of Philosophy and Religion offer one Foundation Scholarship, the Mehl Philosophy and Religion Scholarship. This award is for full-time seniors majoring in philosophy and/or religious studies with a GPA of 3.0 or above. Consideration is given to financial need. You can apply on the Foundation Scholarship cycle by visiting <https://uca.edu/foundation/scholarships/>.

<sup>2</sup> MATH 1360 should be completed in the first year in either the first or the second semester. Students who have already earned credit for another 1000-level MATH course (i.e., concurrent credit, CLEP, AP, transfer, etc.) may substitute that course for MATH 1360. However, a student who has not completed a 1000-level MATH course must enroll in MATH 1360.

<sup>3</sup> See appropriate choices, alternatives, or substitutions under "UCA Core" in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*. During the first year, a student must complete a UCA Core course designated as a First-Year Seminar (FYS) in Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living. An approved UCA Core lab science should be taken in the first two years if possible. The student will also need to complete major, minor, or general elective courses designated as fulfilling the upper-division and capstone requirements of the UCA Core. (See also note 5.)

<sup>4</sup> Students with no previous experience with a foreign language may need to enroll in up to six hours of lower-level instruction to prepare for this requirement. These courses are not included in this plan of study.

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Notes – *continued*

If you have any prior language experience in Spanish, French, or German that is not AP language credit, please take the free language placement exam from any computer by visiting [uca.edu/wlan/placement](http://uca.edu/wlan/placement) before registering for classes and enroll in the level of your placement. If you have prior language experience in Chinese or Japanese, please email [lllc@uca.edu](mailto:lllc@uca.edu) for placement. Your placement might also qualify you to apply for "Credit by Examination"--college credit for previous coursework--after passing your first language course. Email [lllc@uca.edu](mailto:lllc@uca.edu) to learn more.

The Academic Advising Center and the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures recommend that students complete the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program in order not to lose fluency gained in high school.

<sup>5</sup> Students are required to take upper-division courses that address outcomes in each of the four areas of the UCA Core: Diversity (D), Critical Inquiry (I), Communication (C), and Responsible Living (R). These courses may count as major, minor, or elective requirements, and one course may satisfy up to two Core requirements, as long as the outcomes for both areas are assessed. The UCA Core capstone requirement (Z) will, in addition to any disciplinary goals and outcomes, address certain UCA Core goals and outcomes in Critical Inquiry, Communication, and Collaboration. See the [Religious Studies](#) program page in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* and consult your academic advisor for courses within the major that fulfill the UD UCA Core requirements.

<sup>6</sup> Students are encouraged to consider selecting a Pathway in the major to assist students in concentrating their electives according to their career interests and values. The Religious Studies Major offers three distinct Pathways for students to concentrate their studies: (1) Religion and Society; (2) Religion and the Professions; and (3) Religion and the Arts. More information about the pathways can be found on the Undergraduate Bulletin website at <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/programs-by-program/interdisciplinary/religious-studies/>.

<sup>7</sup> This Academic Map includes 24 credit hours in the Minor field of study. Minor requirements range from 15 to 26 credit hours. Depending on the minor selected, the student will need to adjust the number of general elective and minor elective credit hours in this plan.