

UCF Degree Programs

Religion and Cultural Studies (B.A.)

College of Arts and Humanities

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Religion and Cultural Studies is a BA program designed to familiarize students with religious traditions around the world, from ancient through contemporary cultures, as well as to introduce students to critical theories and methods through which to view and analyze the category of religion and its associated concepts, practices, and meanings in all areas of life. The program emphasizes the academic study of religion, and does not privilege any particular tradition or belief. This program can be completed online, although not every course in each category is offered as an online course.

Admission Requirements

- None

Degree Requirements

- Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.
- Co-op or internship credit cannot be used in this major without prior approval by the chair.
- Students must earn at least a "C" (2.0) in each required course.
- Students should consult with a departmental advisor.
- Departmental Residency Requirement consists of at least 18 semester hours of regularly scheduled 3000-4000 level courses taken from the UCF Philosophy Department.
- Courses designated in 1 (General Ed Program) and 2 (Common Program Prerequisites) are usually completed in the first 60 hours.
- No more than 3 courses (i.e. 9 credit hours) of 3000 or 4000 level courses applied to the B.A. in Religion and Cultural Studies may be simultaneously applied to fulfill another major.

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)

A: Communication Foundations (9 hrs)

B: Cultural & Historical Foundations (9 hrs)

Required REL 2300 World Religions 3 hrs

Select 1: (3 hrs)

PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy or 3 hrs
HUM 2020 Encountering the Humanities 3 hrs

Select 1: (3 hrs)

HUM 2210 Humanistic Tradition I or 3 hrs
HUM 2230 Humanistic Tradition II 3 hrs

C: Mathematical Foundations (6 hrs)

Math (6 hrs)

Suggested MGF 1106 Finite Mathematics or 3 hrs
Suggested MGF 1107 Explorations in Mathematics 3 hrs
or

You may substitute a higher level math with appropriate scores on the Math Placement Exam.

Statistics-Computers (3 hrs)

Select a course from GEP C.2 list 3 hrs

D: Social Foundations (6 hrs)

Suggested AMH 2020 U.S. History: 1877-Present 3 hrs

E: Science Foundations (6 hrs)

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP)

- None

3. Core Requirements: Basic Level

REL 2300 World Religions GEP

Select 1: (3 hrs)

PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy or 3 hrs
HUM 2020 Encountering the Humanities GEP

Select 1: (3 hrs)
HUM 2210 Humanistic Tradition I or GEP
HUM 2230 Humanistic Tradition II GEP

Studying Religion and Culture (3 hrs)

REL 2000 Introduction to Religion and Cultural Studies 3 hrs

4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level (27 hrs)

A. Traditions (12 hrs)

- Must select at least one course in each category from the Philosophy Department

Abrahamic Traditions (3 hrs)

REL 3403 Christianity or 3 hrs
REL 3363 Islam or 3 hrs
REL 3320 Moses, Jesus and Muhammad or 3 hrs
REL 3432 Roots of Western Mysticism or 3 hrs
JST 3401 Jewish People in Antiquity 3 hrs

Asian and Indigenous Traditions (3 hrs)

REL 3340 Buddhism or 3 hrs
REL 3333 Hinduism or 3 hrs
REL 3123 Asian Religions in America or 3 hrs
ANT 3245 Native American Religions 3 hrs

B. Theories and Methods (6 hrs)

- Must select one in each category

Religion (3 hrs)

REL 4157 Religion and Psychoanalysis or 3 hrs
PHI 3700 Philosophy of Religion or 3 hrs
PHI 3720 Faith and Reason or 3 hrs
REL 4936 Key Figures in Religion and Cultural Studies or 3 hrs
REL 4496 Key Concepts in Religion and Cultural Studies 3 hrs

Cultural Studies (3 hrs)

HUM 3805 Critical Theory in the Humanities or 3 hrs
HUM 3326 Theories of Sex and Gender in Humanities 3 hrs
or
HUM 4459 American Cultural Studies in Humanities or 3 hrs
HUM 4823 Queer Theory in the Humanities or 3 hrs
HUM 4826 Postcolonial Theory or 3 hrs
PHI 3600 Contemporary Philosophy or 3 hrs
PHI 4804 Critical Theory 3 hrs

C. Religion in Culture (9 hrs)

- Must select three from the following with at least one from the Philosophy Department:

REL 3101 Religion in Popular Culture 3 hrs
REL 3111 Religion and Philosophy Through Film 3 hrs
REL 3115 Religion, Spirituality, and Popular Music 3 hrs
REL 3130 Religion in America 3 hrs
REL 4110 Religion and the Arts 3 hrs
REL 4180 Religion and Medicine 3 hrs
REL 4178 Religion and Law 3 hrs
PHI 3033 Philosophy, Religion, and the Environment 3 hrs
ANT 3241 Magic, Ritual, and Belief 3 hrs
POT 4632 Religion and Politics 3 hrs
SYO 4200 Religion in Society 3 hrs

5. Restricted Electives (3 hrs)

- Any course from Traditions, Theories and Methods, or Religion in Culture not being used to satisfy those categories can be used here.

- Note: Related courses may be substituted with consent of Religion and Cultural Studies adviser.

6. Capstone Requirements

REL 4910 Senior Research Seminar 3 hrs

7. Foreign Language Requirements

Admissions

- Met by graduation requirement

Graduation

- Proficiency equivalent to one year of college instruction in a foreign language taught by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures or Judaic Studies. Standardized examinations for foreign languages may be used to meet the requirement. Majors who are contemplating graduate school should complete two years of a foreign language, preferably one functional in their area of proposed graduate interest.

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8. Electives

- Select primarily from upper level courses after meeting with a departmental advisor. Courses may be outside the department.

9. Additional Requirements

- None

10. Required Minors

- None

11. Departmental Exit Requirements

- Earn a "C" (2.0) or better in each required course.
- To avoid delaying graduation, you must request a review of requirements prior to registering for your last term.

12. University Minimum Exit Requirements

- A 2.0 UCF GPA
- 60 semester hours earned after CLEP awarded
- 48 semester hours of upper division credit completed
- 30 of the last 39 hours of course work must be completed in residency at UCF.
- A maximum of 45 hours of extension, correspondence, CLEP, Credit by Exam, and Armed Forces credits permitted.
- Complete the General Education Program, the Gordon Rule, and nine hours of Summer credit.

Total Semester Hours Required

- 120

Honors In Major

- Students considering graduate school in Religion and Cultural Studies are strongly encouraged to take Honors in the Major.

- Requirements are as follows:

Core, Elective Requirements, and Senior Seminar 36 hrs

Honors Thesis

REL 4903H	Honors Directed Readings I	3 hrs
REL 4970H	Undergraduate Honors Thesis	3 hrs

Additional Requirements

- Application and admission through the Humanities Honors Coordinator and the Burnett Honors College.
- Fulfill University requirements for Honors in the Major.
- Maintain a UCF GPA of at least 3.2 and a Religion and Cultural Studies GPA of at least 3.5.
- Successful completion and oral defense of Honors Thesis.
- Earn a "B" (3.0) or better in both of the following:
REL 4903H Honors Directed Readings I 3 hrs
REL 4970H Undergraduate Honors Thesis 3 hrs

Related Programs

- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Philosophy
- Humanities and Cultural Studies

Certificates

- None

Related Minors

- Humanities and Cultural Studies
- Judaic Studies
- Philosophy

Advising Notes

- None

Transfer Notes

- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.
- Courses transferred from private and out-of-state schools must be evaluated for equivalency credit. The student must provide all supporting information.

Acceptable Substitutes for Transfer Courses

- None

Plan of Study

Freshman Year - Fall

ENC 1101	Composition I	3 hrs
HUM 2210	Humanistic Tradition I	3 hrs
MGF 1106	Finite Mathematics	3 hrs
REL 2300	World Religions	3 hrs
SPN 1120C	Elementary Spanish Language and Civilization I	4 hrs

Freshman Year - Spring

ENC 1102	Composition II	3 hrs
HUM 2230	Humanistic Tradition II	3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
SPN 1121C	Elementary Spanish Language and Civilization II	4 hrs
GEP		3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Fall

GEP		3 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
REL 2000	Introduction to Religion and Cultural Studies	3 hrs

Sophomore Year - Spring

GEP		3 hrs
GEP		3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Restricted Elective		3 hrs

Junior Year - Fall

Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Junior Year - Spring

Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Senior Year - Fall

Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Restricted Elective		3 hrs

Senior Year - Spring

REL 4910	Senior Research Seminar	3 hrs
Restricted Elective		3 hrs
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Program Academic Learning Compacts

- Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at:
http://www.oas.ucf.edu/alc/academic_learning_compacts.htm