

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE of LIBERAL ARTS
B.A. DEGREE PLAN in University Studies – Religious Thought, Practices and Cultures
Catalog 2021-2022

Student: _____
Last First Middle

UIN: _____

Student Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Course	Hours	Grade	Course	Hours	Grades
Communication Electives (6 hrs)			Religious Studies Electives (21 hrs)		
ENGL 104 – Composition and Rhetoric	3			3	
	3			3	
				3	
Mathematics Electives (6 hrs)				3	
	3			3	
	3			3	
			RELS 390 – Researching Religion	3	
Life & Physical Science Electives (9hrs)					
	3				
	3				
	3				
			Minor 1 (15 to 18 hrs)		
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Elective (3hrs)				3	
	3			3	
				3	
Creative Arts Elective (3hrs)				3	
	3			3-6	
Social & Behavioral Science Elective (6hrs)			Minor 2 (15 to 18 hrs)		
	3			3	
	3			3	
				3	
American History Electives (6hrs)				3	
	3			3-6	
	3				
			Foreign Language (14 hrs)		
Political Science (6 hrs)					
POLS 206- American National Govt	3			4	
POLS 207-State & Local Govt	3			4	
				3	
Literature Directed Elective (6 hrs)				3	
	3				
	3				
			General Electives (4hrs if not met with Minors)		
				3	
				1	

Writing Requirements: _____

International & Cultural Diversity (3hrs): _____ Cultural Discourse(3hrs): _____

STUDENT _____ DATE _____

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED: 120

ADVISOR _____ DATE _____

PROPOSED GRAD. DATE: _____

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Degree and Program Requirements

1. Minors
 - a. Students must complete 34 hours of general electives of which 30-34 hours should be used to satisfy the requirements for two university approved minors. Minors will range between 15 and 18 hours. It is recommended one minor only require 15 hours or a minor which utilizes courses within the university core curriculum. **One minor must be chosen from outside of the College of Liberal Arts.** Consult with advisor regarding how to declare desired minor
2. Foreign Language
 - a. Complete 14 hours of a foreign language through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.
3. Major Elective/Directed Electives/ concentration directed electives
 - a. Please see list
 - b. 21 hours
4. International and Cultural Diversity
 - a. 3 hours
 - b. Texas A&M University degree requirement
 - c. Can be met with a course from a degree requirement
 - i. Example
 1. RELS 200 counts as a Major course and an International & Cultural Diversity course.
5. Cultural Discourse
 - a. 3 hours
 - b. Texas A&M University degree requirement
 - c. Can be met with a course from a degree requirement
 - i. Example
 1. PHIL 111 counts as a Language, Philosophy, and Culture elective course and a Cultural Discourse course.
6. Residency Requirements
 - a. Students are required to complete 36 hours of 300 and 400 level courses at Texas A&M University
7. Undergraduate Degree Planner
 - a. All students are required to complete the Undergraduate Degree Planner either once they have completed 30 hours and/or every year between March 1st and October 1st until graduation.
8. Progress towards Graduation
 - a. Students must take courses that apply towards degree requirements.
9. Intent to Graduate
 - a. Student must submit an Intent to Graduate Survey two semesters before the planned/expected graduation semester.

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Literature Directed Electives

Africana Studies AFST 204 AFST 205 AFST 329 AFST 339 AFST 379 AFST 393	Classical Studies CLAS 261 CLAS 262 CLAS 352 CLAS 372
RUSSIAN STUDIES RUSS 441 RUSS 442 RUSS 443 RUSS 444	European Studies EURO 441 EURO 442 EURO 443 EURO 444
FILM STUDIES FILM 356	HISPANIC STUDIES HISP 362
ITALIAN STUDIES ITAL 453	MODERN LITERATURE MODL 221 MODL 222
RELIGIOUS STUDIES RELS 392	WOMEN’S & GENDER STUDIES WGST 333 WGST 374 WGST 474
ENGLISH ENGL 202 ENGL 203 ENGL 204 ENGL 205 ENGL 206 ENGL 212 ENGL 219 ENGL 220 ENGL 221 ENGL 222 ENGL 227 ENGL 228 ENGL 231 ENGL 232 ENGL 292 ENGL 305 ENGL 306 ENGL 313 ENGL 314 ENGL 315 ENGL 316 ENGL 317 ENGL 318 ENGL 321 ENGL 322 ENGL 323 ENGL 329 ENGL 330 ENGL 331 ENGL 333 ENGL 334 ENGL 336 ENGL 337 ENGL 338 ENGL 339 ENGL 340 ENGL 343 ENGL 350 ENGL 352 ENGL 356 ENGL 357 ENGL 360 ENGL 372 ENGL 373 ENGL 374 ENGL 375 ENGL 376 ENGL 377 ENGL378 ENGL 379 ENGL 390 ENGL 391 ENGL 392 ENGL 393 ENGL 394 ENGL 395 ENGL 396 ENGL 412 ENGL 414 ENGL 415 ENGL 431 ENGL 474	

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**Religious Thought, Practices and Cultures Major Elective/Directed
Electives/Concentration Electives**

Course	Title
ARCH 438	History and Design of Sacred Architecture
PHIL 411	Medieval Philosophy
RELS 200	Religions of the World
RELS 202	Religion in America
RELS 212/HIST 212	Holy War
RELS 220	History of Christianity: Origins to the Reformation
RELS 221/HIST 221	History of Islam
RELS 222/HIST 222	History of Christianity, Reformation to Present
RELS 251/CLAS 251	Classical Mythology
RELS 257/COMM 257	Communication, Religion and the Arts
RELS 285	Directed Studies
RELS 289	Special Topics
RELS 291	Research
RELS 304/HUMA 304	Indian and Oriental Religions
RELS 312	Contemplation in the Modern World
RELS 317/ANTH 317	Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
RELS 321	Political Islam and Jihad
RELS 326/SOCI 326	Sociology of Religion
RELS 331/PHIL 331	Philosophy of Religion
RELS 340/ANTH 340	Folklore and the Supernatural
RELS 347/HIST 347	Rise of Islam, 600-1258
RELS 356	Ritual and Expression in Ancient Religions
RELS 360/ENGL 365	The Bible as Literature
RELS 365/HIST 365	Religion in Early America
RELS 366/HIST 366	Religion in Modern America
RELS 392/ENGL 392	Studies in Literature, Religion and Culture
RELS 403/ANTH 403	Anthropology of Religion
RELS 418	Intellectual History from the Ancient Near East to the Early Middle Ages
RELS 419/HIST 419	Intellectual History, 500 to 1600
RELS 420	Religion and the Environment
RELS 425/HIST 425	The Sacred and Profane in History
RELS 436/ANTH 436	Ancient Egypt
RELS 464/PHIL 464	Modern Jewish Thought and Philosophy
RELS 471/HISP 471	Hispanic Religions
RELS 474/HISP 474	Diversity Lessons from Medieval Spain
RELS 480/COMM 480	Religious Communication
RELS 481	Advanced Seminar in Religious Studies
RELS 484	Internship
RELS 485	Directed Studies
RELS 489	Special Topics
RELS 491	Research

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Four Year Layout

First Year			
1st Semester	Hours	2nd Semester	Hours
ENGL 104	3	Communication Elective	3
American History Elective	3	American History Elective	3
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4
Directed Elective	3	Directed Elective	3
Mathematics Electives	3	Mathematics Electives	3
Total	16	Total	16

Second Year			
1st Semester	Hours	2nd Semester	Hours
Foreign Language	3	Foreign Language	3
POLS 206	3	POLS 207	3
Life & Physical Science Electives	3	Life & Physical Science Electives	3
Directed Elective	3	Directed Elective	3
Minor 1	3	Minor 1	3
Total	15	Total	15

Third Year			
1st Semester	Hours	2nd Semester	Hours
Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3	Creative Arts Elective	3
Literature Directed Elective	3	Life & Physical Science Electives	3
Directed Elective	3	Literature Directed Elective	3
Minor 1	3	Minor 1	3
Minor 2	3	Minor 2	3
Total	15	Total	15

Forth Year			
1st Semester	Hours	2nd Semester	Hours
RELS 390	3	Directed Elective	3
Minor 1	3	Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3
Minor 2	3	Language, Philosophy, & Culture Elective	3
Minor 1	3	Minor 2	3
Minor 2	3	Minor 2	3
Total	15	Total	15

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Residency Requirement Information

Texas A&M University requires that students complete 36 hours of 300-499 level courses at TAMU.

Courses	Hours
RELS 390-Researching Religion	3
	3
	3
	3
The 12 Hours above must be RELS or Major/Concentration Electives	
	3
	3
	3
	3
	3
	3
	3
	3
	3
Subtotal Upper level RELS or Major/Concentration Electives	12
Subtotal of Other Upper Level electives	24
Total hours	36

Reminders:

- Courses must be taken from Texas A&M University in order to count as Residency Hours.
- Courses must be 300-499 level to count as Residency Hours.
- You may select courses that fulfill any of your degree requirement area