

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES, PRE-COUNSELING TRACKS

Pre-Counseling Tracks

The pre-counseling tracks in philosophy and in religious studies are designed to provide core knowledge and basic skills to philosophy and religious studies majors who are considering graduate work in counseling, mental health and other service-based professions. Courses are designed to promote:

- self-awareness
- effective decision-making skills
- development of positive character traits
- core knowledge of historical philosophical ideas and religious and cultural practices
- a deep understanding of rights and responsibilities in relationships across a wide range of contexts and settings

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
General Education Requirements		
Core Competencies		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
	or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
Mathematics Requirement		
3		
Knowledge Domains		
Arts and Humanities (6 s.h.)		
6		
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 with lab) (6-7 s.h.)		
7		
Social Science (6 s.h.)		
3		
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
Social Science elective		
3		
Social and Personal Awareness (6 s.h.)		
COUN 1587	Introduction to Health and Wellness in Contemporary Society	3
SPA elective		
3		
First-Year Experience		
LASS 1510	Exploring Critical Questions in LASS	3
Foreign Language Requirement		
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	4
FNLG 2600	Intermediate Foreign Language	4
Major Requirements		
REL 2601	Introduction to World Religions	3
REL 2608	The Examined Life	3
History of Religion		
Select two of the following:		
6		
REL 3708	African-American Religion	
REL 3710	African and Neo-African Religion	
REL 3720	The World of Islam	
REL 3722	Popes Saints and Rebels	
REL 3726	Buddhist Beliefs Practices and Debate	
REL 3728	Hindu Traditions	
REL 3740	Muslim Thinkers and Mystics	
REL 3743	Reform, Revolt, or Revolution in Islam	
REL 3744	Islamic Culture and Literature	

Methodologies in the Study of Religion

Select two of the following:		6
REL 3712	Philosophy of Religion	
REL 3750	Religion and Race	
REL 3751	Liberation Theologies and Revolutionary Change	
REL 3753	Religion and Violence	
REL 3754	Feminism, Ecology and Religion	
REL 3756	Psychology of Religion	
REL 4825	Methods and Study of Religion	
ANTH 4815	Anthropology of Religion	

Scriptural Studies

Select one of the following:		3
REL 3731	Hebrew Scriptures	
REL 3732	Jesus and the Gospels	
REL 3733	Women And the Bible	

Religious Studies

All of the following:		7
REL 4850	Seminar in Religious Studies	
REL 4869	Capstone Cooperative Seminar	
REL 4871	Senior Capstone Project	

Select remaining hours in Religious Studies. ¹

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Required Electives:		
PHIL 1561	Technology and Human Values	3
PSYC 3702	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 3775	Personality	3
PSYC 4800	Introduction to Psychotherapy	3
COUN 2650	Foundations of Helping Skills for Allied Health Professionals	3
Minor		18
University Electives		14
Total Semester Hours		123-124

¹ It is assumed that the remaining hours will be selected in religious studies. In some cases, courses outside religious studies may be accepted as part of the religious studies major if they deepen the student's understanding of religion. All such courses must have the approval of the chair.

Year 1

Fall	S.H.	
REL 2601	Introduction to World Religions	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
	or ENGL 1549	or Writing 1 with Support
First Year Experience		3
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	4
Semester Hours		16-17

Spring

REL 2608	The Examined Life	3
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
COUN 1587	Introduction to Health and Wellness in Contemporary Society	3
FNLG 2600	Intermediate Foreign Language	4
Semester Hours		16

