

Courses Required to Satisfy a Minor in Mass Communications:

			Semester Hours
MCOM	1311	Introduction to Mass Communications	3
MCOM	2312	Mass Communication Law and Ethics	3
MCOM	2321	Mass Media Writing	3
MCOM		Mass Communications Electives (3000-4000 level)	<u>9</u>
Total Semester Hours			18

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION

Program Overview

Religion has shaped human history and continues to define contemporary events because of its influence in life and thought. The study of religion is, therefore, an exploration of one of the primary activities of humanity.

Wiley University, an institution affiliated with The United Methodist Church, offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and a minor in Religion. The department contributes to the goals of the General Education component of the curriculum by training students in the general skills of critical thinking, development of values, and an introduction to the Christian faith. That training includes an interdisciplinary focus and a global awareness grounded on a kaleidoscope of interests within the study of religion. Areas of interest include history, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, psychology, science, literature, politics, ethics, music and sacred theater. This form of interdisciplinary inquiry utilizes skills and methodologies drawn from various disciplines within the School of Social Sciences and Humanities. It inculcates contemporary approaches to the academic study of religion and faith in guiding students into the examination of the major religious traditions with a view to understanding how they influence the lives of those who follow them and how they relate to Christian faith and practice.

Students who participate in this curriculum will have the ethical and moral education to pursue graduate studies or careers in ministry, hospitality, business, criminal justice, and law. Along with the spiritual awareness, both ethical and philosophical questions will be addressed, thus preparing the individual for academic rigor in each chosen field.

Career Opportunities for Religion Majors

An undergraduate degree in religion lends itself to careers in church and para-church organizations, teaching, and research. It also serves as pre-professional preparation for graduate and professional study in areas such as theology, law, psychology, and sociology.

Objectives

Objectives of the program in religion include the following:

1. Graduates of the baccalaureate program in religion will be able to demonstrate a depth of understanding and skills in their major field.

2. Baccalaureate graduates of the religion program will find employment in their field of specialization or closely related fields.
3. Graduates of the religion program will be qualified to gain admission to graduate or professional schools.

- Baccalaureate graduates of the religion program will possess the requisite social and cultural skills required to function in a professional environment.

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To earn the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion, a student must complete the following:

General Education Requirements	45	Semester Hours
Departmental Requirements	18	Semester Hours
Major Field of Study Requirements	36	Semester Hours
Free Electives	<u>21</u>	Semester Hours
Total Semester Hours	120	

Note: A minor is not a requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion. Electives and/or a minor should be chosen in consultation with the major advisor.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate with a major in Religion, students must achieve and complete the following:

- Earn at least a "C" in all required departmental, major and elective courses with a religion prefix. Religion majors must also meet all General Education requirements.
- Have a GPA of 2.00 or better
- Have enrolled in and met the requirements in GEEP and CLAP courses each semester in attendance. Take the Rising Junior and Senior Comprehensive Examinations, and Major Subject Field (Religion) Tests.
- Complete an application for graduation and secure the recommendation of their advisor and school's dean.

Student Clubs

Students in the Religion program are encouraged to join the Theophilus Club. Membership in the Religion Honors Society, Theta Alpha Kappa, is by invitation only.

RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM

Bachelor of Arts in Religion

Freshman Year

First Semester		Cr. Hrs.	Second Semester		Cr. Hrs.		
CISC	1300	Introduction to Computing	3	ENGL	1302	English Composition II	3
ENGL	1301	English Composition I	3	HIST	1302	United States History II	3
HIST	2300	Intro African American Studies	3	BIOL	1401	Intro. To Biology with Lab or	4
RELI	1301	Survey of Religion and Phil	3	PHYS	1402	Intro. To Physical Science Lab	
PHED	1110	Fund. Of Health & Fitness I	1	PHED	1111	Fund. Of Health & Fitness II	1
GESS	1200	Academic Success Seminar	2	MATH	1330	College Algebra	3
GESS	1100	Academic Success Seminar - PF	1	GEEP	1002	General Education Enrich Program	<u>0</u>
GEEP	1001	General Educ Enrich Program	<u>0</u>				14
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Sophomore Year

First Semester			Cr. Hrs.	Second Semester			Cr. Hrs.
ENGL	2301	Adv English Composition	3	ENGL	2311	World Literature I	3
HIST	1301	United States History I	3	RELI	2391	World Religions	3
HUMA	2300	Humanities	3	RELI	2301	Introduction to Ethics	3
RELI	3301	Critical Reading and Writing	3	SPAN	2302	Elementary Spanish II	3
SPAN	2301	Elementary Spanish I	3	SPCH	2300	Speech Communications	3
GEEP	2001	General Educ Enrich Program	0	CLAP	3099	Rising Junior Examination	0
			15	GEEP	2002	General Education Enrich Program	0
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Junior Year

First Semester			Cr. Hrs.	Second Semester			Cr. Hrs.
RELI	3306	Biblical Foundations	3	RELI	3302	Christian Leadership	3
RELI	3370	Intro to the Hebrew Bible	3	RELI	3320	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RELI	3303	History of Christianity	3	RELI	3383	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
RELI	3315	Theory & Meth in Reli Stud	3	RELI	4309	Sociology of Religion	3
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			Free Elective				Free Electives
GEEP	3001	General Educ Enrich Program	0	GEEP	3002	General Education Enrich Program	0
			15				15

Senior Year

First Semester			Cr. Hrs.	Second Semester			Cr. Hrs.
RELI	4305	Christian Ethics	3	RELI	4324	Exegesis of Old Testament or	3
RELI	4301	Creative & Critical Thinking in Religion Studies	3	RELI	4325	Exegesis of the New Testament	3
RELI	4311	Biblical Theology Seminar	3	RELI	2303	Environmental Ethics	3
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			Free Electives				Free Electives
GEEP	4001	General Educ Enrich Program	0	GEEP	4002	General Education Enrich Program	0
			15				15

Total Semester Hours **120**

General Education Requirements (45 hours)

			Semester Hours
BIOL	1401	Introduction to Biological Sciences with Lab	OR 4
PHYS	1402	Introduction to Physical Sciences with Lab	(4)
ENGL	1301	English Composition I	3
ENGL	1302	English Composition II	3
ENGL	2311	World Literature I	3
GESS	1200	Academic Success Seminar	2
GESS	1100	Academic Success Seminar – Personal Finance	1
HIST	1301	US History I	3
HIST	1302	US History II	3

HIST	2300	Introduction to African American Studies	3
HUMA	2300	Humanities	3
MATH	1330	College Algebra	3
PHED	1110	Fundamentals of Health and Fitness I	1
PHED	1111	Fundamentals of Health and Fitness II	1
RELI	1301	Survey of Religion and Philosophy	3
SPAN	2301	Elementary Spanish I	3
SPAN	2302	Elementary Spanish II	3
SPCH	2300	Speech Communication	<u>3</u>
Total Semester Hours			45

Departmental Requirements

			Semester Hours
CISC	1300	Introduction to Computing	3
ENGL	2301	Advanced English Composition	3
RELI	2301	Introduction to Ethics	3
RELI	3301	Critical Reading and Writing	3
RELI	3302	Christian Leadership	3
RELI	3306	Biblical Foundations	<u>3</u>
Total Semester Hours			18

Courses Required to Satisfy the Major Field of Study Requirements for Religion students:

			Semester Hours
RELI	2303	Environmental Ethics	3
RELI	2391	World Religions	3
RELI	3303	History of Christianity	3
RELI	3315	Theory and Method in Religious Studies	3
RELI	3320	Introduction to the New Testament	3
RELI	3370	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	3
RELI	3383	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
RELI	4301	Creative and Critical Thinking in Religion Studies	3
RELI	4305	Christian Ethics	3
RELI	4309	Sociology of Religion	3
RELI	4311	Biblical Theology Seminar	3
RELI	4324	Exegesis of Old Testament OR	
RELI	4325	Exegesis of the New Testament	<u>3</u>
Total Semester Hours			36

Free Electives

Total Semester Hours 21

Courses Required to Satisfy a Minor in Religion:

			Semester Hours
RELI	2391	World Religions	3
RELI	3303	History of Christianity	3
RELI	3315	Theory and Method in Religious Studies	3
RELI	3320	Introduction to the New Testament	3

RELI	3370	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	3
RELI	4309	Sociology of Religion	3
Total Semester Hours			18