

# Religious Studies

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**Transfer Credit:** A maximum of 6 units of course work completed elsewhere — whether at another college or university or through a Washington University-approved study abroad program — may be applied toward the major. Credit will be awarded only for those courses that have been approved by the Religious Studies program.

## Majors

### The Major in Religious Studies

**Total units required:** 30 units; 24 must be at the 300 level or higher

**Required courses** (6 units):

Code	Title	Units
Re St 102	Thinking About Religion	3
Re St 368	Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>6</b>

**Senior Capstone Experience** (3 units): During their senior year, religious studies majors are required to take Re St 479 Senior Seminar in Religious Studies. Alternatively, students can fulfill the capstone requirement by writing a Senior Honors thesis. Students may also meet this requirement by taking Re St 404 Material Religion with permission from the director of undergraduate studies.

**Elective courses** (21 units; 18 must be at the 300 level or higher): All majors must take at least seven courses chosen in consultation with their major advisor that fulfill the following requirements:

- A. Broad coverage of religious traditions: Majors explore various religions by taking at least one course in four different traditions (e.g., Judaism, history of Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, East Asian religions, South Asian religions, religion in the Americas).
- B. Course concentrations: Majors focus their interests on a single religious tradition or theme by creating two course concentrations: a three-course series and a two-course series.

**Note:** An elective course can count toward the fulfillment of both A and B.

## Additional Information

**Senior Honors:** Qualified majors are encouraged to apply for Senior Honors. Applications are available on the Religious Studies website (<https://religiousstudies.wustl.edu/senior-honors/>) and are due prior to the end of the junior year. Students wishing to pursue this option need to meet the minimum honors requirements stated in this *Bulletin* and to satisfactorily complete, during their last two semesters, Re St 498 Independent Work for Senior Honors I and Re St 499 Independent Work for Senior Honors II. Full guidelines are available on the Religious Studies website.