

University of Indianapolis – Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences
2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Religion Majors (REL)
 Bachelor of Arts

Requirements for the Religion Major:

- **REL 110** World Religions (3)
- **REL 200** Old Testament Life & Literature (3)
- **REL 210** New Testament Life & Literature (3)
- **REL 220** Christian Theology (3)
- **REL 225** History of Christianity (3)
- **PHIL 340** Philosophy of Religion (3) –Writing and Speaking
- **REL 495** Religion Capstone (1-3) unless capstone satisfied through second major.

Electives (15 Credit Hours)

- **REL 100** Christianity (3)
- **REL 130** Honors: Readings in Christianity (3)
- **REL 270** Judaism (3)
- **REL 272** Buddhism (3)
- **REL 275** Islam (3)
- **REL 299** Special Topics (3)
- **REL 310** Christian Ethics (3)
- **REL 320** Interpretation of the Bible (3)
- **REL 330** Jesus (3)
- **REL 230** Sociology of Religion [cross listed with Sociology]
- **REL 410** Special Topics (3)

FYS 150 or 182 courses taught by Religion faculty may be counted towards Electives.

Total hours for Religion Major: 33-36 (33 without capstone, 34-36 with capstone)

NOTE:

- A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Religion Major
- The Bachelor of Arts degree requires a minimum of 120 hours
- See the General Education Core Guide for additional course requirements

REMEMBER: If you have any questions about the Religion Major and its requirements, contact a faculty advisor from the Philosophy/Religion Department (Dr. Jonathan Evans, chair: 788-4904, Good Hall 119C), or your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.

Religion Majors are not required to have a concentration, although they are encouraged to have at least one. Non-majors may select the Christian Formation concentration, Ancient Greek, Comparative Religions, and Ethics concentrations. (See Philosophy Curriculum Guide). However, one must be a Religion major to concentrate in Pre-Theology.

Requirements for the Ancient Greek Concentration

- **GRK 101** Ancient Greek I (3)
- **GRK 102** Ancient Greek II (3)
- **GRK 201** Ancient Greek III (3)
- **GRK 202** Ancient Greek IV (3)

Total= 12 hours

NOTE: A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Ancient Greek Concentration

Requirements for the Christian Vocations concentration:

- **REL** **XXX** One Course in Religion (3)
- **CVOC** **110** Christian Exploration/Formation I (1.5)
- **CVOC** **111** Christian Exploration/Formation II (1.5)
- **CVOC** **210** Christian Exploration/Formation III (1.5)
- **CVOC** **211** Christian Exploration/Formation IV (1.5)
- **CVOC** **406** Internship (1-15; 3 are required for the concentration)

Total= 12 hours

NOTE: A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Christian Vocations Concentration

Requirements for the Comparative Religion Concentration:

One Introductory Course from

- **REL** **110** World Religions (3)
- **FYS** **150** Religions in America (3)
- **FYS** **182** Love, Death, and Religions (3)

One Course from the Christian Religious Tradition

- **REL** **100** Christianity (3)
- **REL** **103** Introduction to the Bible (3)
- **REL** **130** Honors: Readings in Christianity (3)
- **REL** **210** New Testament Life & Literature (3)
- **REL** **220** Christian Theology (3)
- **REL** **225** History of Christianity (3)
- **REL** **310** Christian Ethics (3)
- **REL** **330** Jesus (3)

One Course from a Non-Christian Religious Tradition

- **REL** **200** Old Testament Life & Literature (3)
- **REL** **270** Judaism (3)
- **REL** **272** Buddhism (3)
- **REL** **275** Islam (3)

Any One Elective from:

- **REL** **230** Sociology & Religion (3)
- **REL** **299** Special Topics in Religion (3)
- **REL** **320** Interpretation of the Bible (3)
- **PHIL** **340** Philosophy of Religion (3)
- **REL** **350** Religion and Magic (3)
- **REL** **390** Honors Religion (3)
- **REL** **410** Issues in Religion (3)
- any second course from the Christian Religious Tradition distribution at the 200 level or higher.
- any second course from the Non-Christian Religious Tradition distribution at the 200 level or higher.

Total= 12 hours

NOTE: A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Comparative Religion Concentration

Requirements for the Pre-Theology concentration: (open to Religion majors only)

- REL XXX One Course in Religion (3)
- CVOC 110 Christian Exploration/Formation I (1.5)
- CVOC 111 Christian Exploration/Formation II (1.5)
- CVOC 210 Christian Exploration/Formation III (1.5)
- CVOC 211 Christian Exploration/Formation IV (1.5)
- CVOC 406 Internship (1-15; 3 are required for the concentration)

Total= 12 hours

NOTE: A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Pre-Theology Concentration

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