

*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

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