

B.A. in World Religions

Academic Program Guide for New First-Year Students (Effective Fall 2021) Department of Philosophy and World Religions (religion@rowan.edu)

Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2018 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RU GPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of "D-" or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
 - An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
 - Rowan Core & Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally (www.rowan.edu/registrar) and may also be searched on that site under "Attributes." A list of Rowan Core courses is here: <https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/AS/Rowan+Core+Course+List>.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

Program-Specific Graduation Requirements for this Major / Degree

- Only courses taken as free electives can be taken on a P/NC basis.

Rowan Core Requirements¹

Students must satisfy all **six** Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy. With the exception of the 9 sh counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*
- COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 sh) COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 sh) CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 sh)
- (ARTL) Artistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (GLBL) Global Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (HUML) Humanistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (SCIL) Scientific Literacy *Recommendation from major:*

Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 sh

Rowan Experience Requirements

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- (WI) Writing Intensive Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- (RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute² *Recommendation from major:*

Non-Program Courses (minimum 18 sh)

Courses in this section cannot be in the major department.

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
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| Experiential Learning | | Choose one course from the bank of experiential learning courses below. | | | 0-6 |
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| | | | | | Subtotal: 18 sh |

¹ The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

² The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Choose one course from the following bank of experiential learning courses.

| Course # | Course Name |
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| <input type="radio"/> AFST 11310 | Service Learning Seminar in Africana Studies |
| <input type="radio"/> AFST 11350 | Topics in Africana Studies: Model African Union |
| <input type="radio"/> ANTH 02290 | Museum Studies |
| <input type="radio"/> ANTH 02295 | Introduction to Qualitative Research |
| <input type="radio"/> ANTH 02315 | Forensic Anthropology |
| <input type="radio"/> ANTH 02320 | Archaeological Field Methods |
| <input type="radio"/> DPEM 43495 | Internship in DPEM |
| <input type="radio"/> ECED 23320 | Building Brains: Resilience and Competency |
| <input type="radio"/> ECON 04410 | Internship in Economics |
| <input type="radio"/> EDPA 02490 | Public Service Internship |
| <input type="radio"/> HIST 05378 | Special Topics: History of Camden |
| <input type="radio"/> HIST 05495 | Internship in History |
| <input type="radio"/> HSRV 01350 | Field Experience I, II, or III |

| Course # | Course Name |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> INCL 02310 | STREAM 1: Social Studies, ELA, & the Arts in the Inclusive Classroom |
| <input type="radio"/> INTR 01470 | Semester Abroad |
| <input type="radio"/> INTR 20390 | Interdisciplinary Case Studies in the Liberal Arts |
| <input type="radio"/> INTR 20395 | Experiential Learning in Humanities & Social Sci. |
| <input type="radio"/> INTR 20399 | Internship in the Applied Liberal Arts |
| <input type="radio"/> IS 25350 | Special Topics in Intl Studies: Model United Nations |
| <input type="radio"/> LAJW 05356 | Criminal Justice Internship I |
| <input type="radio"/> LAJW 05357 | Criminal Justice Internship II |
| <input type="radio"/> SMED 40450 | Schools and Society |
| <input type="radio"/> SOC 08377 | Field Research Experience |
| <input type="radio"/> SOC 08494 | Field Experience in Sociology |
| <input type="radio"/> SPAN 05452 | Internship in Spanish |
| <input type="radio"/> SPAN 05499 | Study Abroad |

Major Requirements (30 sh)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 3 sh Foundational course
- 24 sh of World Religions courses
 - At least 6 sh of 100 or 200 level courses (and at least 3 sh of non-Western courses)
 - 3 sh Methodological course
 - At least 9 sh of 300 or 400 level courses
 - No more than 3 sh of Non-Departmental courses
- 3 sh Capstone course
- 30 sh total

FOUNDATIONAL COURSE

| Course # | Course Name | Course Designations / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| REL 10100 | World Religions | Global | | | 3 |
| | | | | | Subtotal: 3 sh |

100 AND 200 LEVEL COURSES

Choose at least two of the following courses (and at least one non-Western course).

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> REL 10150 | Religion on Film | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> REL 10210 | Religion in America | Humanistic | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> REL 10214 | Religions of the Western World | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> REL 10230 OR PHIL 09231 | Religions of Asia OR Asian Thought | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> REL 10240 | Introduction to the Bible | Humanistic & LIT | | | 3 |
| | | | | | Subtotal: at least 6 sh |

METHODOLOGICAL COURSE

Choose one of the following courses.

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| <input type="radio"/> REL 10219 | Approaches to Religion | This course is recommended | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> PHIL 09200 | Philosophy of Religion | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> SOC 08322 | Sociology of Religion | | | | 3 |
| | | | | | Subtotal: 3 sh |

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300 AND 400 LEVEL COURSES

Choose at least three of the following courses.

| | Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|------------|--|---|--------|-------|-------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | REL 10301 | Judaism | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | REL 10320 | Christianity | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | REL 10331 | Spirituality and Nature | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | REL 10335 | Sex and the Bible | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | REL 10340 | Topics in World Religions | Prereq: COMP 01111 or COMP 01112 (or equiv.); can be taken more than once | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | REL 10350 | Spirituality and Healing | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | PHRE 11310 | Buddhism | Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | PHRE 11330 | Daoism | Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | PHRE 11361 | Ethics in and out of Religions | Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | PHRE 11440 | Topics in Philosophy and World Religions | Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course; can be taken more than once | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | Subtotal: at least 9 sh |

NON-DEPARTMENTAL 300 AND 400 LEVEL COURSES

Choose at most one of the following courses.

| | Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | ANTH 02323 | Magic and Religion | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05383 | Islamic Civilization | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05311 | Renaissance and Reformation | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05417 | Women in Islam | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | HIST 05444 | Islamic Movements | | | | 3 |
| <input type="radio"/> | SOC 08365 | Contemporary Jewish Life | | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | Subtotal: at most 3 sh |

CAPSTONE

Complete both of the following requirements.

| Course # | Course Name | Course Designations / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|----------------|
| REL 10450 | Senior Seminar in World Religions | Pre-req: 12 sh of REL or PHRE courses | | | 3 | |
| | Career Event requirement | Attend at least 2 career events | | | 0 | |
| | | | | | | Subtotal: 3 sh |

Free Electives for this Major/Degree (63 sh)

Students should choose Free Electives that satisfy any Rowan Core or Rowan Experience requirements that are not fulfilled by Major or Non-Program courses.

| Course # | Course Name | Course Attributes / Notes | Sem/Yr | Grade | Credits |
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Total Program Credits Required for this Major / Degree: 120 SH