

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

- **Credit Hours:** 120 hours
- **Concentrations:** No
- **Declaring the Major:** Minimum GPA of 2.0 preferred; students with GPA below 2.0 should consult with Director of Undergraduate Studies; no pre-requisite courses; change of major form accepted year-round; appointment with Director of Undergraduate Studies required prior to declaration for students already attending UNC Charlotte, freshmen and transfer students who declare when applying, appointment at SOAR or within first week of classes at UNC Charlotte
- **Advising (For the Major):** Required on admission to the major; all students are assigned to a tenure/tenure-track faculty mentor; required appointment with a faculty advisor during pre-registration for all majors
- **Advising (For General Education):** by RELS department faculty advisors and/or by advisors in CLAS Advising Center
- **Minimum Grades/GPA:** GPA of 2.0 in the major required for graduation
- **Teacher Licensure:** No
- **Evening Classes Available:** occasionally; some electives can be completed at night, but all core courses are not available at night so, the major cannot be completed at night.
- **Weekend Classes Available:** No. Online classes available in fall, spring, and summer sessions.
- **Other Information:** Witherspoon Scholarship, Underwood Scholarship, Study Abroad
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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Religious Studies major has a relatively *flexible* curriculum. All students must take RELS 2600: “Approaches to the Study of Religion” and Religious Studies 4600: “Senior Seminar.” In addition, students must take two religious studies courses each in “Cultural Studies,” “Textual Studies,” and “Historical Studies.” Also students must take two additional elective courses of their own choosing. Within this framework, students have flexibility in designing their own concentrations and tracks of study based upon their individual interests and career goals *in consultation with an advisor*. Students declaring as sophomores and even in their junior year can usually finish their degree on schedule.

Areas	Credit Hours	Description
<b>Pre-Major/ Prerequisites</b>	-	
<b>Major</b>	30	RELS 2600 and 4600 will count towards university requirements for the Writing Intensive requirement and RELS 4600 for Oral Communications.
<b>General Education</b> <i>(not satisfied by other major requirements)</i>	31-34	Writing Intensive and Oral Communication goals are satisfied through required major courses. Transfer students with an associate’s degree are exempt from most General Education, but must complete Writing Intensive requirement.
<b>Related Work</b>	-	
<b>Foreign Language</b>	0-8	RELS majors must complete a foreign language up to the 1202 level, or have three years of a foreign language in high school, or have an associate’s degree from an accredited two-year college.
<b>Electives</b>	45-56	To fulfill the 120 hours required for graduation from UNC Charlotte
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	120	

## SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

### Freshman Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
RELS 2600	Orientation to the Study of Religion	3	X	W	Beginning course recommended taken first if possible
UWRT 1101	Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts I	3	X		
MATH XXXX	Mathematics Course for General Education	3	X		
LBST 110X	LBST 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104 or 1105: Arts and Society	3	X		
XXXX 1201	Foreign Language 1201 (or Elective, if not necessary)	3-4			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 Level course	3	X		Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
UWRT 1102	Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts II	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	any MATH <b>OR</b> any STAT <b>OR</b> PHIL 2105	3	X		
LBST 2101	Western Cultural and Historical Awareness	3	X		
XXXX 1202	Foreign Language 1202 (or Elective, if not necessary)	3-4			

30-32 Credit Hours for Year

### Sophomore Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 Level course	3	X		Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 Level course	3	X		Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
XXXX XXXX	Natural Science with Lab for General Education	4	X		
LBST 2102	Global and Intercultural Connections	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Elective (consider Courses towards a Minor/Second Major)	2-3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 Level course	3	X		Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
XXXX XXXX	Social Science Course for General Education	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Natural Science without Lab for General Education	3	X		
LBST 221X	LBST 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214 or 2215: Ethical Issues & Cultural Critique	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Elective (consider Courses towards a Minor/Second Major)	3			

30-31 Credit Hours for Year

### Junior Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 or 4000 Level course	3			Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
XXXX XXXX	Electives (consider Courses towards a Minor/Second Major)	12			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 or 4000 Level course	3			Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 or 4000 Level course	3			Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
XXXX XXXX	Electives (consider Courses towards a Minor/Second Major)	9			

30 Credit Hours for Year

### Senior Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
RELS XXXX	Any 2000 or 3000 or 4000 Level course	3			Cultural, Historical, or Textual 2 of each required for B.A.
XXXX XXXX	Elective (consider a Course towards a Minor/Second Major)	12			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
RELS 4600	Senior Seminar	3	X	W,O	Capstone course, recommended final semester
XXXX XXXX	Elective (consider a Course towards a Minor/Second Major)	12			

30 Credit Hours for Year

## ADVISING RESOURCES

- General Education Requirements for ALL Students: [ucol.uncc.edu/general-education](http://ucol.uncc.edu/general-education)
- Undergraduate Catalog: [catalog.uncc.edu](http://catalog.uncc.edu)
- Central Advising website: [advising.uncc.edu](http://advising.uncc.edu)
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences advising website: [clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/](http://clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/)
- University Advising Center website: [advisingcenter.uncc.edu](http://advisingcenter.uncc.edu)