

Religious Studies Major Checklist

Religious Studies Checklist The following checklist is intended to assist students in determining which courses they need in order to meet the requirements for a degree in Religious Studies. It is an informal document that is intended to supplement the Registrar's Audit.

PREAMBLE: DECLARING A MAJOR Students may declare a Religious Studies major at any time during their undergraduate career, although university regulations require that students declare a major (in something!) by the beginning of their third year. To declare a major in Religious Studies does not require the approval of the Religious Studies Department, although we would be happy to consult and advise. All a student need do to declare their major is to fill out the required form at the Registrar's Office.

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Please consult the calendar to ensure that you meet the general UPEI requirements for an Arts degree. These are the principal ones:

- 120 semester hours of credit with a major subject in which at least 42 semester hours of credit are taken. Some programs may require more than 120 semester hours of credit.
- Minimum Number of 2000-4000 Level Courses – A minimum of 72 credits must be taken at the 2000-4000 level in any degree or diploma program. Exceptions may apply.
- Students in the Faculty of Arts may declare to the Registrar's Office their major area of study at any time up to the end of their second year (after completing 48-60 semester-hours of course work). Students in the Faculty of Science, students are required to declare a major by the beginning of their second year (after completing 21 to 45 semester hours of course work). Students can change their major at any time but are encouraged to speak to an academic advisor in the appropriate department before doing so.
- A candidate for a degree must complete at least one-half of the 102 • UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND required course work at UPEI; normally, these will be the final 60 semester-hours of the degree. Exceptions may be made only with the permission of the Dean of the respective Faculty.
- In the last 60 semester-hours of work toward a UPEI degree, students will receive credit for no more than 12 semester-hours of study completed at another university; exceptions may be made only with the permission of the Dean of the respective Faculty or School.

- All students working toward an undergraduate degree or diploma will be required to take one of the following three courses, recommended to be taken within the first three semesters of registration, to fulfill graduation requirements: • UPEI 1010 – Writing Studies: Engaging Writing, Rhetoric, and Communication; • UPEI 1020 – Inquiry Studies: Engaging Ideas and Cultural Contexts; or • UPEI 1030 – University Studies: Engaging University Contexts and Experience; • AND One Writing Intensive Course
NOTE: Credit will only be granted for one of UP

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS :

- Forty-two semester hours in Religious Studies are required for the major. These must include:
 - RS 1050 or both RS 1010 and RS 1020,
 - At least one course each from groups B and F,
 - At least two courses (one of which must be at the 3000 level) from each of groups C, D, and E.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES:

A. General Introductions

1010 Religions of the World: Western Traditions

1020 Religions of the World: Eastern Traditions

1050 World Religions

B. Thematic Introductions

1030 Myths of Love, Sex and Marriage

1040 Myths of Hate and Evil

C. Western Religious History

1710 Introduction to Catholic Christianity

2020 Christianity

2060 The Great Conversation II: 21st Century Perspectives

2110 The Bible

2430 Judaism

2440 Islam

2750 Crises in Religious Authority

2780 Spirituality of the Sacraments

2835 Development in Early Catholic Thought

2840 Introduction to Medieval Theology and Philosophy

2860 Spiritual Journey of Christian Mystics

3020 Cults, Sects, and New Religions

3310 History of Christianity to Reformation (see History 3210)

3320 History of Christianity from the Reformation to the Present (see History 3220)

3760 Thomas Aquinas and the Thomist Tradition

3770 Death and the Afterlife in the Catholic Tradition

3870 The New Testament

D. Eastern Religions and Comparative Religion

- 2210 Buddhism East and West
- 2420 Hinduism
- 2510 Japanese Religion and Culture
- 2610 Chinese Religion and Philosophy
- 2790 Catholicism, Christian Unity, and World Religions
- 3040 Alternative Spiritualities
- 3220 Religious Ethics East and West
- 3230 Interreligious Dialogue
- 3520 Mysticism in Buddhism and Christianity

E. Religion and Modernity

- 2120 Why are we Here: Explorations on the Meaning of Life
- 2320 Christianity and the Moral Imagination
- 2350 Skepticism, Agnosticism, Atheism and Belief
- 2360 Religion and Politics
- 2620 Psychology of Religion
- 2760 Catholic Moral Thought
- 2770 Social Ethics: Free and Faithful
- 3510 Religion and Society (see Sociology/Anthropology 4210)
- 3620 Philosophy of Religion (see Philosophy 3620)
- 3735 Pleasure and Pain: The Catholic Body
- 3740 Beauty and Belief
- 3750 Faith and Reason in Modern Catholic Thought
- 3780 Moral Problems and the Catholic Tradition
- 3860 (formerly 2340) Science and Religion

F. Advanced Seminar

- 4010 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion

Special Topics and Directed Studies

- 2880, 3880, and 4880 Special Topics
- 4510 and 4520 Directed Studies

Other

- 1210 Classical Mythology (see Classics 2210)
- 2720 Medieval Art (see Fine Arts 2120)