

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

(BA PROGRAM)



EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

2015-2016 Catalog

Declaration of Major

Name:

ID:

Major Advisor Approval:

Date:

Department Chair Approval:

Date:

Intended Graduation Month: January

August

May

Intended Graduation Year:

THIS FORM IS TO ADD/DECLARE A MAJOR. IF YOU WISH TO DROP/REMOVE A PREVIOUSLY DECLARED MAJOR, YOU MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE MAJOR DECLARATION DROP FORM. THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE AT REGISTRAR.EDGEWOOD.EDU

A minimum of 40 credits to include:

## Major Requirements:

## Transfer credit applied (including AP/CLEP/etc):

8 credits of Scriptures & Sacred Texts

Course / Institution

RS 210	RU	Jesus and the Gospels*
RS 311	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Historical Books
RS 313	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Prophets & Writings
RS 314	RU	New Testament Christianity*


Students will need to take eight credits Religious Traditions and Theologies to include:

RS 225	GR	Religious and Spiritual Traditions of the World
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And one of the following three courses

RS 324	RUX	Exploring Christian Thought
RS 330	GR	The Evolution of Global Christianity*
RS 341		Catholic Theology for the 21st Century*


8 credits in the Human Community, to include:

RS 406	3	Learning, Beliefs and Action for the Common Good
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And one of the following three courses

RS 101	1ER	Spirituality and Ecology*
RS 147	1DR	Spirituality and Justice*
RS 248	2R	Spirituality for the 21st Century*


Students will also need to select 16 elective credits from the three areas of study. The total of 40 credits normally includes a minimum of 16 credits in one area, a minimum of 8 in each of the other two areas, including Senior Seminar. The remaining 8 credits are also selected from any of the three areas. Professional courses (for example, teaching methods, practicum and internships) are taken in addition to the minimum of 40 credits in

academic courses. Students may also choose to take approved courses through the UW Collaborative program.

Elective Courses (at least 16 credits):

**Scriptures and Sacred Texts:**

RS 311	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Historical Books	
RS 313	RU	God & Hebrew Bible: Prophets & Writings	
RS 314	RU	New Testament Christianity*	
RS 414		Scripture: Advanced Study*	
RS 416	K	Communicating the Gospel in the 21st Century*	

**Religious Traditions and Theologies:**

RS 220		Jewish Perspectives on the Bible	
RS 250		Catholicism	
RS 265		Religious Traditions of the East	
RS 324	RUX	Exploring Christian Thought	
RS 330	GR	The Evolution of Global Christianity*	
RS 341		Catholic Theology for the 21st Century*	
RS 356	2GR	The Challenge of Islam	
RS 358	2GR	Christian-Muslim Dialogue	
RS 422		Reformation and Counter-Reformation	
RS 455		Topics in Religious Studies: Religion in America	

**Religion in the Human Community:**

RS 201/202	2ER	Living Sustainably in a Dominican Studium*	
RS 218	CR	Images of Faith: Story, Screen and Spirit*	
RS 240	RU	Personal Morality and Social Justice*	
RS 248	2R	Spirituality for the 21st Century*	
RS 307	2GR	Liberation Theologies in Latin America*	
RS 308		Liberation Theology and the Dismantling of Racism I	
RS 309	2DR	Liberation Theology and the Dismantling of Racism II*	
RS 322	2QR	Contemporary Jewish Life and Thought*	
RS 327		Religions and Contemporary Issues	
RS 328		Strong Religion: Fundamentalism	
RS 331		Christian Worship	
RS 343		Women and Religion*	
RS 345		Religion and Society*	
RS 431		Sacramental Celebrations*	
RS 442	RU	Moral Responsibility and Ethics of Health*	
RS 450	3RV	Perspectives in Science and Religion*	
RS 452		Topics in Religious Studies	

Up to six additional credits in Independent Research and Writing:

RS 279	Independent Reading and Research*	
RS 379	Independent Reading and Research*	
RS 499	Workshop in Religious Studies	

*\*course has prerequisites*

**Policies:**

In addition to the 40 credits, all students majoring in Religious Studies will:

1. Prepare and Academic Portfolio to be reviewed by the Religious Studies faculty at the end of each academic year.
2. Submit at least one major research paper for presentation at an Edgewood College Student Research, Religious Studies or similar conference during their last four semesters.
3. Complete the minimum 120 credits required by the College with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.85.
4. Students should consult with their Religious Studies advisor to learn the details of how they can satisfy their COR 3 requirement.

Students planning a major or minor in Religious Studies should consult with an advisor in the Religious Studies Department at the beginning of their program. Normally, a minimum of 40 credits for the major or 20 credits for the minor must be taken in Religious Studies at Edgewood College. Any transfer of religious studies credits is subject to evaluation by the department.