

# 2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

## 36 Units



Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Requirements (MSR) by 60 units:

- Minimum 2.0 overall GPA
- Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)
- First-Time, First Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

### Courses

### Prerequisites

Complete the following course (3 units total):

R/ST 100: The Religious Quest for Meaning (3)
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Complete **ALL** of the following courses (6 units total):

R/ST 302: Faith and Race in America (3)
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R/ST 401: Senior Seminar: Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (3)
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**R/ST Area Courses - Complete 12 UNITS with at least ONE course in each of the following categories (12 units total):**

#### A. Culture, Gender, and Ethics

R/ST 101: Religion at the Movies (3)	
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R/ST 111: Religion Games: Religion in the Public Square (3)	
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R/ST 202: Religion and Pop Culture (3)	
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R/ST 208: Religion and Sexual Ethics (3)	
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R/ST 230: Heaven, Hell, and Other Afterlives (3)	
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R/ST 240: Love, Life, and the World (3)	
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R/ST/WGSS 303: Queer Spirit (3)	
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GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
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R/ST 308: Comparative Religious Ethics (3)	
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R/ST 362: Religion and Psychology (3)	
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Upper Division Standing
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R/ST 366: Global Magic, Witchcraft, and the Body (3)	
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Upper Division Standing
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R/ST 383: Christianity and Global Conflict (3)	
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R/ST 391: Religion and Science (3)	
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Upper Division Standing
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R/ST 402: Religion in America (3)	
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Upper Division Standing
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R/ST 403: Professional Research Praxis: How to Do It (3)	
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R/ST/WGSS 410: Women, Religion, and Spirituality (3)	
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GE Composition; Upper Division Standing; or Consent
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R/ST 490: Selected Topics in Religious Studies (3)	
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R/ST 499: Directed Studies (1 - 3)	
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Consent of Instructor
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#### B. Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Their Precursors

R/ST 200: Introduction to Early and Western Religions (3)	
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R/ST 210: Introduction to the Bible (3)	
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R/ST 311: Religion and Literature of the Hebrew Bible/ Old Testament (3)	
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R/ST 312: Intertestament Literature, Palestine History, and Early Christianity (Dead Sea Scrolls) (3)	
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R/ST 314: Jewish Religion (3)	
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R/ST 318: Biblical Hebrew I (3)	
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R/ST 319: Biblical Hebrew II (3)	
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R/ST 320A: Biblical Aramaic I (3)	
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R/ST 320B: Biblical Aramaic II (3)	
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R/ST 322: New Testament and Earliest Christian Literature (3)	
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	R/ST 331: A Journey Through Islam (3)	
	R/ST 337: Muslim Mystics: Music, Poetry, and Dance (3)	
	R/ST 375: The Historical Jesus (3)	Upper Division Standing
	R/ST 376: Christian Origins (3)	Upper Division Standing
	R/ST 383: Christianity and Global Conflict (3)	
	R/ST 471: Early Christianity and Society (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	R/ST 490: Selected Topics in Religious Studies (3)	
	R/ST 499: Directed Studies (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor
<b>C. Indigenous, Hindu, Buddhist, and Other Asian Traditions</b>		
	R/ST 201: Introduction to Asian Religions (3)	
	R/ST 313A: Nahua Calendars, Corn, and Language (3)	
	R/ST 313B: Nahua Literature (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	R/ST 341: Buddhism (3)	
	R/ST 344: Religions of East Asia (3)	
	R/ST 350A: Elementary Sanskrit I (3)	
	R/ST 350B: Elementary Sanskrit II (3)	
	R/ST 351: Hinduism (3)	
	R/ST 352: Religions of India (3)	
	R/ST 353: Religions of Southeast Asia (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	R/ST 499: Directed Studies (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor
<b>Electives (Not an Area Course) - Complete 15 UNITS from the courses listed above (not yet taken), or any of the following (15 units total):</b>		
	A/ST 190: Introduction to Eastern Way of Thinking (3)	
	AFRS 353: Religions of African Peoples (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	AFRS 498: Ancient Egyptian Ethical Thought (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	AIS 335: American Indian Philosophies (3)	
	AIS 336: Indigenous Philosophies of Sustainability (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	AIS/ENGL 340: American Indian Literature (3)	GE Foundations
	ANTH 414: Anthropology of Religion (3)	
	CWL 132: World Mythology (3)	
	CWL 452: Selected Topics - Mythology (3)	
	GEOG 357: Sacred Geographies (3)	GE Foundations
	HEBW 101A: Fundamentals of Hebrew (4)	
	HEBW 101B: Fundamentals of Hebrew (4)	
	HEBW 210: Love and Marriage in the Biblical Tradition (3)	
	HIST 318: Byzantine Empire (3)	
	HIST 344: Tradition and Crisis: The Jews of Modern Europe (3)	
	HIST 434: Muslims, Christians, and Jews Medieval Spain: Coexistence and Conflict (3)	
	HIST 459: Religion in Colonial Latin America (3)	
	PHIL 306: Philosophies of China and Japan (3)	
	PHIL 330: Philosophy of Religion (3)	
	SOC 475: Religion and Social Change (3)	SOC 100

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

**Additional Information**

- See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: [csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements](http://csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements).
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major.**
- Some courses with a subject focus on religion that are offered by other departments can be articulated into the major.
- When the subject matter of a Selected Topics and Directed Studies course is applicable, the course may be used.

**Department of Religious Studies**

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*Checklists are available on the [ATLAS website](#)*