

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 Degree Requirements (MSDR) 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)

Complete **ALL** of the following courses (6 units total):

R/ST 302: Faith and Race in America (3)

R/ST 401: Senior Seminar: Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (3)

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

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

R/ST 366: Global Magic, Witchcraft, and the Body (3)	
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Upper Division Standing

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

R/ST 402: Religion in America (3)	
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Upper Division Standing

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

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

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 318

R/ST 320A: Biblical Aramaic I (3)	
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GE Foundations

R/ST 320B: Biblical Aramaic II (3)	
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GE Foundations

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
C. Indigenous, Hindu, Buddhist, and Other Asian Traditions		
	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
Electives (Not an Area Course) - Complete 15 UNITS from the courses listed above (not yet taken), or any of the following (15 units total):		
	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.
- 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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