

GLOBAL RELIGIOUS STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Global Religious Studies introduces students to the academic study of religion and spirituality as well as the variety of religious traditions around the world (e.g., Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; Chinese religious traditions; Indigenous religious traditions in North America and in Africa; atheism and agnosticism, pagan and other nature-based traditions). Because religion is deeply implicated in history, culture, politics, literature, and medicine, the *study* of religion is critical to understanding and explaining complex global issues in both the past and the present. One does not have to be “religious” or “spiritual” to study religion, nor is the study of religion directed toward establishing the truth of one religion over another. We pursue the academic study of religion and spirituality from a variety of theoretical and methodological perspectives, including anthropology, archaeology, cognitive sciences, fine arts, history, philosophy, psychology, sociology, and textual analysis. The basic intellectual purpose of religious studies is to develop an understanding of, and a critical insight into, the rich variety of the world's religious and spiritual traditions in the complex global realities (cultural, social, economic, political, and environmental) of the twenty-first century

International Studies, Bachelor of Arts with a Concentration in Global Religious Studies

Code	Title	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION (MAVED) REQUIREMENTS - 34 Hours Required		
Minimum of “C-”required		
Fundamental Skills		15
Writing – 6 hrs.		
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	
or ENGL 1140	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I WITH SUPPORT	
ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	
Oral Communication – 3 hrs.		
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	
or CMST 2120	ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
Quantitative Literacy – 3 hrs.		
MATH 1120	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING	
or MATH 1130	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY	
or MATH 1140	QUANTITATIVE REASONING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS	
or MATH 1300	COLLEGE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT	
or MATH 1320	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	
Data Literacy – 3 hrs.		
Select one from the following:		
BSAD 1030	DATA LITERACY FOR WORK AND LIFE	
ISQA 1100	DATA AND INFORMATION LITERACY	
STAT 1100	DATA LITERACY AND VISUALIZATION	
STAT 1530	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
Until Fall 2028, students can satisfy this requirement with an approved data literacy course, or any approved natural or social science general education (MavEd) course.		
Breadth of Knowledge		13
Social Science – 3 hrs.		

Humanities – 3 hrs.	
Natural & Physical Science (must complete a lab) – 4 hrs.	
Arts – 3 hrs.	
Individual and Social Responsibility	6
Cultural Knowledge – 3 hrs.	
Civic Knowledge and Engagement – 3 hrs.	
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	
**Course will satisfy UNO's General Education (MavEd) requirement	
^Course requires pre-requisite(s)	
International Studies Major with a Concentration in Global Religious Studies 48-49 Hours Required	
Required Coursework	12
INST 2130	GLOBAL CHALLENGES (**)
INST 4140	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (^)
INST 4990	SENIOR E-PORTFOLIO (Required in last semester)
GEOG 1000	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY (**)
PSCI 2210	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (**)
Global Religious Studies Courses	
Required	3
RELI 1010	RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD
Choose one of the following	3
RELI 2010	RELIGION AND CRITICAL THOUGHT
RELI 2020	RELIGION AND HUMAN RIGHTS
RELI 2120	HINDU SCRIPTURES
RELI 2150	HEBREW SCRIPTURES
RELI 2160	NEW TESTAMENT: HISTORY, LITERATURE, AND SOCIETY
RELI/HIST/SOC 2190	THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST
RELI 2200	GLOBAL RELIGIOUS ETHICS: THE BASICS
Choose 15 credit hours from the following	15
RELI 3020	NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS
RELI 3030	SHAMANISM
RELI 3050	RELIGIONS OF THE EAST
RELI 3060	RELIGIONS OF THE WEST
RELI 3130/WGST 3120	WOMEN AND THE BIBLE
RELI 3200	ISLAM AND MUSLIMS
RELI 3330	ROMAN CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND PRACTICE
RELI 3400	RELIGION AND FILM
RELI 3500	TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
RELI 3960	READINGS IN RELIGION
RELI 4000	RELIGIOUS STUDIES INTERNSHIP
RELI 4020	BUDDHIST TRADITIONS
RELI/BLST 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS
RELI/NAMS 4060	FIRST NATIONS: SPIRIT IN ARTS AND CULTURES
RELI 4150	JUDAISM IN THE MODERN AGE
RELI 4160/HIST 4720	THE HOLOCAUST
RELI 4170	HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I
RELI 4180	HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY II
RELI 4200	COMPARATIVE RELIGIOUS ETHICS

RELI 4210	PUBLIC HEALTH, RELIGION, AND HUMAN RIGHTS
RELI 4220	VIOLENT CONFLICTS, PEACEBUILDING, AND THE ETHICS OF INTERVENTION
RELI 4250	WAR, RELIGION, AND HUMAN RIGHTS
RELI 4260	THE END OF THE WORLD: RELIGION AND APOCALYPSE
RELI 4450	HOLY TERROR: RELIGION AND HORROR
RELI 4550	JESUS IN FILM
RELI 4600	WOMEN AND RELIGION
RELI 4700	RELIGION, FILM, AND VIOLENCE
RELI/HIST 4830	ANCIENT GREEK MYTH, RELIGION & MAGIC
RELI/HIST 4850	ROME AND THE EARLY CHURCH
PHIL 3200	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
HIST 4550	BUILDING CATHEDRALS: FAITH, POWER, AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MIDDLE AGES
PSCI 4620	ISLAM AND POLITICS
SOC 4850	SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Global Religious Studies - World Language Requirement 15-16

The International Studies major requires two years of one world language or the equivalent of levels 1210-2240 (15 hours) or 1110-2120 (16 hours). The BA World Language requirement is also satisfied with this major.

College Breadth (choose one option) 15-30+

Option 1: Complete any UNO minor or undergraduate certificate - 15+ hours

Option 2: Additional General Education (MavEd) Requirements - 18+ hours

Additional quantitative literacy - 3 hours

Additional Social Science Gen. Ed. (MavEd) from another Discipline - 3 hours

Additional Humanities Gen. Ed. (MavEd) from another Discipline - 3 hours

HIST 1000 and HIST 1010 - 6 hours

Additional Nat. and Physical Science w/ or without Lab - 3-5 hours

Option 3: CAS comprehensive major (50+ hours) OR any second UNO major (30+ hours)

ELECTIVES

Elective hours as required to reach a total of 120 hours

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Freshman

Fall		Credits
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3
INST 2130	GLOBAL CHALLENGES	3
MATH 1120	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL	3-4
or MATH 1130	AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING	
or MATH 1140	or QUANTITATIVE LITERACY	
or MATH 1300	or QUANTITATIVE REASONING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS	
	or COLLEGE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT	

WORLD LANGUAGE 1210 OR 1110 3-5

Attend Durango Days; other campus events. Set up a Handshake account and take the Pathway U career assessment. Attend the Student Involvement & Volunteer Fair to explore student organizations. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept-Oct. Work with your advisor to develop your Pathway in Stellic.

Credits		12-15
Spring		
ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3
GEOG 1000	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
or CMST 2120	or ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
WORLD LANGUAGE 1220 OR 1120		3-5
RELI 1010	RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	3
Attend campus events such as major exploration week to get an idea of interests and career paths. Schedule a resume review with UNO Career Services. Visit faculty office hours and ask about undergraduate research opportunities. Make advising appointment for summer and fall: February – March.		

Credits 15-17

Sophomore

Fall		
PSCI 2210	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
2000 LEVEL RELI COURSE		3
WORLD LANGUAGE 2210 OR 2110		3
WORLD LANGUAGE 2240 OR GENERAL EDUCATION (MAVED) OR ELECTIVE		3
GENERAL EDUCATION (MAVED) COURSE OR ELECTIVE		4

Attend the Career & Internship Fair to start networking with employers. Look for volunteer, research, or part-time work to gain experience. Join a student organization or club related to your field or interests. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept. - Oct.

Credits		16
Spring		
INST REQUIREMENT		3
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WORLD LANGUAGE 2220 OR 2120		3
WORLD LANGUAGE 2240 OR GENERAL EDUCATION (MAVED) OR ELECTIVE		3
GENERAL EDUCATION (MAVED) COURSE OR ELECTIVE		3

Attend a career fair for informational and networking purposes. Update your resume and LinkedIn profile with new experiences. Investigate and apply for summer internships, research, or study abroad programs. Make advising appointment for summer and fall: February – March.

Credits 15

Junior

Fall		
INST 4140	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	3
RELI 3000-4000 COURSE		3
ELECTIVE		3
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Apply for a paid internship or research assistantship. Attend a mock interview workshop or use online interview tools with Career Services. Start researching and visiting graduate programs or professional schools. Visit Career Center, continue updating resume. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept-Oct.

Credits		15
Spring		
RELI 3000-4000 COURSE		3
RELI 3000-4000 COURSE		3
ELECTIVE		3
ELECTIVE		3-4
ELECTIVE		3
Request letters of recommendation from faculty for jobs or grad school. Attend the All-Majors Career Fair with a plan to network. Meet with your advisor or submit for a graduation check-in to review remaining degree requirements. Make advising appointment for summer and fall: February – March.		

Credits		15-16
Senior		
Fall		
RELI 3000-4000		3
ELECTIVE		3
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ELECTIVE		1
Check in with Career Center for networking tips. Finalize graduate school applications or job search strategy. Attend a career fair and start applying for full-time jobs. Prepare for interviews and salary negotiations with Career Services. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept. - Oct.		

Credits		16
Spring		
INST 4990	SENIOR E-PORTFOLIO	0
RELI 3000-4000 COURSE		3
ELECTIVE		3
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ELECTIVE		1

*International Studies electives are selected in coordination with an academic advisor.

Complete your final advising check before graduation. Polish your resume, cover letters, and LinkedIn profile. Stay connected by joining alumni networks and professional organizations. Apply for graduation via MavLink

Credits		16
Total Credits		120-126

College Breadth: Students should plan on using at least 15 hours of "Electives" to fulfill Option 1, 2, or 3, of the College of Arts and Sciences' breadth requirement.

Upper Level Credits: Students need 27 upper level credits throughout the degree with at least 18 upper level credits within the major. Electives may need to be selected at the 3000-4000 level to reach these minimums.

Additional Information About this Plan:

University Degree Requirements: The minimum number of hours for a UNO undergraduate degree is 120 credit hours. Please review the requirements

for your specific program to determine all requirements for the program. In order to graduate on-time (four years for an undergraduate degree), you need to take 30 hours each year.

Placement Exams: For Math, English, World Language, a placement exam may be required. More information on these exams can be found at <https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/placement-exams/information.php>

Transfer credit or placement exam scores may change suggested plan of study.

GPA Requirements: 2.0

Note: This plan provides a general guide, but your specific courses, experiences, and career goals may differ. Work with your academic advisor to ensure you're meeting degree requirements and consult with career advisors to explore internships, research opportunities, and post-graduation plans. Regular check-ins will help you stay on track and make the most of your time at UNO!

Other notes to major requirements...

International Studies Major with a Concentration in Global Religious Studies – 54-55 Hours Required