

must also take at least one class in each of three different religious traditions. The list of electives can be found on the Religious Studies web page. Courses will be found in these disciplines:

- Africology
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Celtic Studies
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- English
- Geography
- German
- Global Studies
- Greek
- Hebrew Studies
- History
- Jewish Studies
- Latin
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Women's and Gender Studies

Study of the basic language of at least one religious tradition is also recommended. Language courses above the second semester may count as electives toward the religious studies major. Relevant languages depend on the student's primary concentration in religious studies but potentially include Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German, Spanish, French, Italian or other languages with approval of the director.

Campus Resources

UWM offers many resources that help students further explore religious and religion-related topics outside of the classroom.

The *Religious Studies Student Organization (RSSO)* helps promote the academic study of religion at UWM. The students try to present one speaker each semester. Some of the past speakers have addressed monotheism in ancient Egypt, biblical foundations of modern church building, The Dead Sea Scrolls and Islamic banking. The RSSO officers also have sponsored and arranged scholarships, conducted surveys for determining future classes of interest to the students and planned graduation ceremonies.

The *Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies* sponsors academic and community events such as guest lectures, conferences, workshops and seminars, and they foster research and teaching excellence in Jewish studies.

The *Institute of World Affairs* is dedicated to keeping the people of Wisconsin informed about, and engaged with, the critical global issues of our time. Their Great Decisions lecture series provides timely and insightful analysis on key foreign policy issues with national and

international presenters. The Institute's George F. Kennan Forum is an annual debate on a pressing global issue.

The *Center for International Education* offers a range of services to the campus and community. It facilitates study abroad opportunities and sponsors a number of conferences and seminars on global and international topics.

The *Philosophy Department Colloquia* series brings in three to four national speakers each semester. Recent topics have included:

- Rawls and the Practice of Equality
- Kant on the Determinacy of Concepts and the Space of Reasons
- How should we Feel about Death
- Rule guidance, group intentions, and group knowledge

Religion is a major force in human history and modern actions. We can see the effects of religion in:



This sample four-year plan shows just one possible pathway to earning a degree with this major in four years. This plan **does not** replace the advice of your advisor, and students are cautioned to meet regularly with their advisor to create a personalized plan that matches their particular circumstances. This plan also follows the degree requirements for students who began their college education in Fall of 2013 or later. If you started college prior to Fall of 2013, your degree requirements may be different.

Degree Requirements (brief summary):

1. English Proficiency and UWM Oral and Written Communication (OWC) GER - English 102 (fulfills Part A) and one OWC-Part B course.
2. Math Proficiency, UWM Quantitative Literacy (QL) GER, and Formal Reasoning – two courses can satisfy all three requirements. Some courses have prerequisites, however, so a student may end up taking more than two total classes depending on his/her placement test scores. Students will usually take Math 103 or 105 AND three credits in either a 200-level or above math course, Philosophy 211, or an approved Letters & Science statistics course.
3. Foreign Language – 4 semesters of a single Foreign Language (or 3 semesters of one language and 2 semesters of another language) (May be satisfied through 4 years of a single Foreign Language in high school.)
4. L&S Humanities (HU) – 12 credits
5. L&S Social Sciences (SS) – 12 credits
6. L&S Natural Science (NS) – 12 credits including one lab
7. L&S International (Int'l) – 9 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with Humanities and/or Social Science courses
8. UWM Arts GER – 3 credits
9. UWM Cultural Diversity GER (CD) – 3 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with a Humanities or Social Science course
10. 120 credits including 90 credits in L&S and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses
11. Complete the Religious Studies major requirements:
 - 33 credits with at least 18 at the 300-level or above; 15 upper-level courses must be completed at UWM
 - ReligSt 395 or Hist 594
 - Hist 600 or other approved course
 - 27 elective credits; 9 credits must be distributed among 3 different religious traditions
 - ReligSt 101 is not required but is recommended

There are hundreds of courses that satisfy various requirements and courses can count towards more than one requirement. For example, ReligSt 395 counts towards the major and as a social science course. (This sample assumes no high school Foreign Language was taken and that the student placed into college-level math and English.)

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	English 102 (OWC-B)
	Math 103 or 105 (QL-A)	QL-B course
	1st semester Foreign Language	2nd semester Foreign Language
	ReligSt 101 (HU) (CD)	Elective from list (HU) (Int'l)
	L&S Social Science	Arts GER
Year 2	OWC-B course	Formal reasoning course
	3rd semester Foreign Language	4th semester Foreign Language
	Free elective	L&S Social Science/ International
	L&S Natural Science with lab	L&S Natural Science
	Elective from list (SS)	Elective from list (HU)
Year 3	L&S Social Science/ International	L&S Humanities
	L&S Natural Science	L&S Natural Science
	Upper-level elective from list	Upper-level elective from list
	Upper-level elective from list	Upper-level elective from list
	Free elective	Free elective
Year 4	ReligSt 395 (SS)	Hist 600
	Upper-level elective from list	Upper-level elective from list
	Upper-level elective from list	Upper-level elective from list
	L&S upper-level	L&S upper-level
	Free elective	Free elective

Sample Four Year Plan:

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