

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES, MA

**Degree:** Master of Arts (MA)  
**Field of Study:** Religious Studies

## Program Overview

The department offers a graduate program leading to a Master of Arts in Religious Studies. This two-year program concentrates on method and theory in the study of religion. The MA is designed to give students from a variety of backgrounds a solid foundation in the methods used in the contemporary study of religion.

## Graduate Policies

For graduate policies and procedures, please review the School of Graduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses:</b>		
RLGN 400	Foundational Readings in Religious Studies	3
RLGN 651	Thesis M.A.	6
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	or ELECTIVE	
	Independent Study <sup>a</sup>	3
<i>Elective Courses</i>		<i>15</i>
Three 400-level RLGN courses		
Two elective courses dealing with the method and theory in the study of religion		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

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## Sample Plan of Study

### First Year

Fall		Hours
RLGN 400	Foundational Readings in Religious Studies	3
400-level RLGN course		3
An elective dealing with the method and theory in the study of religion		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

### Spring

400-level RLGN course		3
Independent Study <sup>a</sup>		3
An elective dealing with method and theory in the study of religion		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

### Second Year

Fall		
RLGN 651	Thesis M.A. (or Open Elective)	3
RLGN 651	Thesis M.A.	3

400-level RLGN course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
RLGN 651	Thesis M.A.	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

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