East Tennessee State University  
Religious Studies: Interdisciplinary Minor

Both the B.A. and the B.S. require additional courses beyond the General Core. Please check the catalog for the year you entered to determine what is needed to fulfill these requirements. Be sure to show this check sheet to your advisor. Philosophy students should be aware that some upper-division philosophy courses are offered only once every other year!

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B.A. or B.S. (circle one) Advisor______________________________________________

A minimum of 21 hours is required, including:

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<td>PHIL-4047 Philosophy of Religion</td>
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At least one 3000+ course in Western Religions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam

At least one 3000+ course in Religions of Asia, Native America, etc. 

Plus 6 other hours at the 3000-4000 level:

Courses in philosophy (PHIL) do not count toward a minor in religious studies without approval of the department. The following courses from other departments or other previously approved courses may be included.

- **ENGL 3280 - Mythology** (3 credits)
- **ENGL 3700 - The Bible as Literature** (3 credits)
- **ANTH 4250 - Ethnomedicine** (3 credits)
- **RELI/APST 3530 - Religion in Appalachia** (3 credits)
- **HIST/RELI 3910 - History of Christianity** (3 credits)
- **HIST/RELI 3920 - History of Islam** (3 credits)
- **HIST/RELI 4207/5207-Ancient Religions** (3 credits)
- **HIST 4230 - Renaissance and Reformation** (3 credits)
- **HIST 4387/5387 - History of the Holocaust** (3 credits)
- **PHIL 3160 - Native American Thinking** (3 credits)

Note: It is possible to major in philosophy and minor in religious studies.
For students interested in preparation for seminary or divinity school, professional
gradient education in theology or ministry:
Many students minor in religious studies or major in philosophy with a religious studies
concentration, as a way to prepare for seminary or divinity school. (The MDiv—Master of
Divinity—is the standard professional degree for students preparing for a career requiring
ordination to the ministry or rabbinate.) The American Association of Theological Schools
advises students to major in any humanities or social science field. While previous study in the
area of religious studies and philosophy is recommended, it is not required for admission to
programs of professional study leading to the MDiv. RELI 3240 (“Hebrew Scriptures”) and
RELI 3250 (“Greek Scriptures”) are relevant for students interested in the Christian and Jewish
traditions. Students aiming to apply to university divinity schools, or whose interest in the study
of religions is primarily academic (as opposed to vocational) are strongly advised to earn a B.A.
degree with at least a minor in religious studies. It is also important to complete at least 6 hours
in German, French, or in a classical language (Greek, Latin, or Hebrew) at the 3000 level.