



**BACHELOR of ARTS in RELIGIOUS STUDIES (#769)**

Department of Philosophy and Religion

Potter College of Arts and Letters

Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

**Success Markers**

**SAMPLE - 4 year plan**

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	RELS 102 – Intro to Religious Studies	3	RELS 100 – The Old Testament <b>OR</b> RELS 101 – The New Testament (E-AH)	3
ENG 100 – Intro to College Writing (F-W1)	3	HIST 101 World History I or HIST 102 World History II (F-SB)	3	
Natural Science (E-NS)	3	Natural Science with Lab (E-NS, SL)	3-4	
Social & Behavioral (E-SB)	3	General Elective	2-3	
Mathematics (F-QR)	3	COMM 145 Fund of Public Speaking & Communication (F-OC)	3	
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	

Make sure you either meet the language proficiency requirement or take a language sequence

SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	RELS – Religious Traditions Course	3	RELS – Religious Traditions Course	3
RELS 200 – World Religious Literature (F-AH)	3	RELS Elective	3	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3	
General Elective	3	World Language (if needed) OR General elective	3	
General elective	3	Colonnade Social & Cultural (RELS 211, 222, or 318 are great options) (K-SC)	3	
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	

Volunteer or Join a Student Organization like **Green Toppers**

Visit [The Learning Center](#) for free tutoring

**World Language Proficiency:** All students entering in Fall 2014 or later must demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the Novice High level before completing 60 credit hours. Novice high is the ability to communicate in writing and speaking on familiar topics in simple sentences. To meet this requirement, students may take college language courses or take a proficiency test. For more information go to [www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/](http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/).

**Colonnade Program:** All students entering in Fall 2014 or later must complete 39 hours in 13 specific Colonnade areas. Colonnade areas are listed in parentheses marked in blue after the corresponding classes. Some areas may have specific course requirements while others can be chosen from selected lists of options. For more details and to see lists of options, go to [http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved\\_colonnade\\_courses\\_website.pdf](http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved_colonnade_courses_website.pdf).

THIRD YEAR  Visit <a href="#">Career Services</a>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	RELS – Religious Traditions Course	3	RELS Elective	3
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3	RELS Elective	3
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3
	ENG 300 – Writing in the Disciplines (F-W2)	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3
	Colonnade Local to Global (L-LG)	3	Colonnade Systems (RELS 317 is an excellent option) (L-SY)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

FOURTH YEAR  <a href="#">Apply for Graduation</a>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	RELS Elective	3	RELS 496 – Senior Seminar	3
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Minor Course	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
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	<i>Celebrate!</i>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>

**Total Credit Hours:120**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.  
Consult your advisor each semester.

**For more information:**

**Department:** Philosophy and Religion

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Course Descriptions: <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>