

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours .....	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours .....	48
Major Hours .....	30
Upper-Division Hours within Major .....	15
<b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b>	
Overall - Combined and OU .....	2.25
Major - Combined and OU .....	2.25

Program
<b>Religious Studies</b>
<b>B820</b>
Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.

**GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and Dodge College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gened/courses>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

**UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b>		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The college requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
Intermediate Course (2000 level) <sup>1,2</sup>		0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list		
		3
<b>Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)</b>		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO <sup>1</sup>		
		3-4
<i>Physical Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS <sup>1</sup>		
		3-4
<b>Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)</b>		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list		
		3
<b>Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)</b>		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		
		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493)		
		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list		
		3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts &amp; Humanities courses</i>		
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture <sup>1,3</sup>		
		3
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture <sup>1,3</sup>		
		3
<b>Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)</b>		
Choose one course		
		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>56</b>

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- No course may be used more than once to satisfy major requirements, and courses counted for the major may not be used for other majors or minors, except for support requirements.
- The major requires at least 30 hours with at least 15 hours of upper-division courses.
- **A grade of C or better must be earned for each course fulfilling requirements for the Religious Studies degree.**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
RELS 2653	Approaches to the Study of Religion	3
RELS 4323	Capstone	3
<b>Major Electives</b>		
Choose 24 hours of major electives; at least 15 hours must be RELS courses, the remaining 9 hours may be chosen from the approved list of elective courses maintained by the department		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/religious-studies/religious-studies-bachelor-arts/>).

<sup>1</sup> College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.  
<sup>2</sup> One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level  
<sup>3</sup> 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

**FREE ELECTIVES**

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**Arts and Sciences Hours:** At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

**Pass/No Pass Enrollment:** A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

**Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"):** A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

**P.E. Courses:** No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

**Senior Institution Hours:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

**Residency:**

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.

**Grade Point Averages:** Students must earn a minimum over all 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

### SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with Dodge College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Religious Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Religious Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	ENGL 1113 Principles of English Composition ( Core I )	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213 Principles of English Composition ( Core I ) or Expository Writing	3
	Math (Core I)	3	P SC 1113 American Federal Government ( Core III )	3
	Beginning Language (Core I)	5	Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
	Free Elective, lower-division	3	First Year Experience (Core V)	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	RELS Major Elective <sup>3</sup>	3	RELS 2653 Approaches to the Study of Religion	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3	RELS Major Elective <sup>3</sup>	3
	Intermediate Language	3	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	4
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
	Western Culture (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>	3	Social Science (Core III)	3
<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>JUNIOR</b>	RELS Major Elective, upper-division <sup>3</sup>	3	RELS Major Elective, upper-division <sup>3</sup>	3
	Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	World Culture (Core IV) <sup>2</sup>	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>SENIOR</b>	RELS Major Elective, upper-division <sup>3</sup>	3	RELS 4323 Capstone	3
	Religious Studies Major Elective, lower- or upper-division <sup>3</sup>	3	RELS Major Elective, upper-division <sup>3</sup>	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	

<sup>1</sup> If the Western Civilization & Culture Gen. Ed. requirement is satisfied by a major course, a lower-division elective is to be selected.

<sup>2</sup> If the World Culture Gen. Ed. requirement is satisfied by a major course, a lower-division elective is to be selected.

<sup>3</sup> The Religious Studies major requires 24 hours of major electives: 15 hours must be RELS courses; the remaining 9 hours may be chosen from the list of approved electives maintained by the department. Since 15 upper-division hours are required within the major, some of the major elective courses listed in the semester grid must be selected at the upper-division level to ensure this requirement is met.