

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND THEOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS - RLST

## Major Requirements (27 Hours)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
RLST 101	Introducing Religious Studies	3
Select one of the following:		3
RLST 213	Experiencing God	
RLST 214	Spirituality and Comedy	
RLST 225	Reading the Hebrew Bible in Jewish & Christian Terms	
RLST 228	Christian Holiness in History and Culture	
RLST 232	Introduction to the New Testament	
RLST 236	Faith in Action	
RLST 240	Catholic Social Thought	
RLST 251	The Christian Tradition	
RLST 261	Catholic Faith and Life	
RLST 290	Special Topics	
Select one course from each of the following areas:		
Biblical Studies:		3
RLST 304	Historical Jesus: The Quest for Jesus of Nazareth	
RLST 308	Paul and His Times	
RLST 314	Reading and Interpreting Hebrew Bible Prophets	
Historical Theology:		3
RLST 321	The Mystics	
RLST 445	Historical Theology	
Contemporary Theology:		3
RLST 318	Heaven and Hell	
RLST 341	How to Become a Saint	
RLST 343	Theologies of Mental Health	
RLST 351	Religion and Science	
RLST 355	African-American Theologies	
RLST 457	Systematic Theology Seminar	
Interfaith & Interreligious Studies		3
RLST 307	Leviticus and Numbers: Cultural Interpretations	
RLST 339	Religion and Literature	
RLST 351	Religion and Science	
RLST 380	Interfaith Studies	
RLST 381	Islam: Beliefs, Practices, and Current Events	
Select three of the following elective courses; one of which must be at the 300 level or above:		9
ENVS 203	Sustainability at Saint Mary's College and in the Holy Cross Charism	
RLST 213	Experiencing God	
RLST 214	Spirituality and Comedy	
RLST 225	Reading the Hebrew Bible in Jewish & Christian Terms	
RLST 228	Christian Holiness in History and Culture	

RLST 232	Introduction to the New Testament
RLST 236	Faith in Action
RLST 240	Catholic Social Thought
RLST 251	The Christian Tradition
RLST 261	Catholic Faith and Life
RLST 262 & RLST 263	Queer Theology and Queer Theology II
RLST 304	Historical Jesus: The Quest for Jesus of Nazareth
RLST 308	Paul and His Times
RLST 307	Leviticus and Numbers: Cultural Interpretations
RLST 314	Reading and Interpreting Hebrew Bible Prophets
RLST 318	Heaven and Hell
RLST 321	The Mystics
RLST 339	Religion and Literature
RLST 341	How to Become a Saint
RLST 342	Does God Care When Women Suffer?
RLST 351	Religion and Science
RLST 352	Religion and Politics
RLST 355	African-American Theologies
RLST 380	Interfaith Studies
RLST 381	Islam: Beliefs, Practices, and Current Events
RLST 390	Special Topics
RLST 445	Historical Theology
RLST 476	Theology for Ministry and Life I: Theory

**Total Credits** **27**

## Advanced Writing Proficiency

Students completing the Advanced Writing Proficiency Requirement in Religious Studies and Theology meet with their advisors in the fall of their junior year to design an Advanced W project appropriate for them. Majors will meet the Advanced W requirement by successfully completing their Senior Comprehensive Project (see below) in the fall of their senior year.

## Senior Comprehensive

Students who major in Religious Studies and Theology complete an independent research project on a topic of their choice. The project displays the student's depth of knowledge in Religious Studies and Theology. The topic and details of the project must be developed with and approved by their advisor and the department. The completed project, typically a 15-20 page thesis paper, is submitted in the fall of the student's senior year.