

BA in Religious Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Religious Studies. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
REL 104 (Goal 3 Arts and Humanities)	3	REL 100+ Specific Religious Traditions (Major Requirements)	3
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing I) ¹	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II)	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
First Year Seminar (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking)	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
	17		14

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
REL Elective 100+ Religion in Specific Regions (Major Requirement)	3	REL 300+ Elective 1 of 4 (Major Requirement)	3
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language) ³	3
Goal 3 Social Science	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	1	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	BA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) ²	3
		Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
	15		16

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
REL 100+ Thematic Approaches to Religion (Major Requirement)	3	REL 300+ Elective 3 of 4 (Major Requirement)	3
REL 300+ Elective 2 of 4 (Major Requirement)	3	REL 300+ Elective 4 of 4 (Major Requirement)	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3

	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
	15	15
Senior		
Fall	Hours	Spring
		Hours
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	REL 490 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)
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	15	13

Total Hours 120

- The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.
- Visit this website (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/ba-quantitative-reasoning-courses/>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
- For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.
- Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through KU core, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.