

BGS in Religious Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BGS 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, Major Requirement)	3	REL 100+ Specific Religious Traditions, Major Requirement ¹	3
Goal 2.1 Written Communication (1 of 2)	3	Goal 2.1 Written Communication (2 of 2)	3
First Year Seminar Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	3	Goal 2.2 Oral Communication	3
Goal 3 Social Science	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
15		15	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
REL 100+ Religion in Specific Regions, Major Requirement ¹	3	REL 300+ Elective (1 of 4), Major Requirement	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
15		15	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
REL 100+ Thematic Approaches to Religion, Major Requirement ¹	3	REL 300+ Elective (3 of 4), Major Requirement ¹	3
REL 300+ Elective (2 of 4), Major Requirement ¹	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility and Ethics (REL 100, REL 137 or REL 379 recommended)	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3

Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
15		15	

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
REL Elective 300+ (4 of 4), Major Requirement ¹	3	REL 490 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement SPRING ONLY)	3
BGS Career Course (BGSC)	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
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Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
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Total Hours 120

¹ Refer to the Degree Requirements tab for a list of courses that can fulfill this major requirement.

² 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.