

CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE)

Each student at Clarke is **REQUIRED** to take 6 hours of Religious Studies courses at the **FOUNDATIONAL LEVEL**:

RELS 100 Foundations of Spiritual Life

Take ONE other 200 Level foundation course offering (excludes Division Courses.)

YEAR 1

FALL	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
RELS 100	Foundations of Spiritual Life*	3

SPRING	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
RELS 100/ 200 LEVEL	Foundations of Spiritual Life*/ Religious Studies Course	3

YEAR 2

FALL	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
200 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3

SPRING	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
200 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3
200, 300, OR 400 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3

YEAR 3

FALL	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
200 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3
200, 300, OR 400 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3

SPRING	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
RELS 387	Guided Research**	3
200, 300, OR 400 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3

YEAR 4

FALL	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
RELS 395	Practicum	3
RELS 499	Capstone	3
200, 300, OR 400 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3

SPRING	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
200, 300, OR 400 LEVEL	Religious Studies Course	3

*RELS 100 - Open to all students. Students who bring prior RELS credit from another Catholic institution still need to take RELS 100.

**RELS 387 – Guided research is usually completed the semester prior to 499 – Capstone.

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR: 30 HOURS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES, INCLUDING:

*A major takes 15 hours of 30 hours as ELECTIVE CREDITS following completion of 6 hours of foundational (general education) religious studies courses:
Take FIVE courses at the 200-300 level (excluding RELS 202 and 211, which are Humanities courses); a major must minimally take two of these five courses as 300 level cross-list intensification courses.*

The following 15 hours of 30 hours are required for every major:

- RELS 387 - Guided Research
- RELS 395 - Practicum/Internship
- RELS 402 – Trinitarian Mystery
- RELS 404 - History of Catholic Christian Thought
- RELS 499 - Senior Capstone

Note: See the catalog for all course offerings.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR: 21 HOURS:

Complete 6 hours of REQUIRED foundational courses:

- RELS 100 - Foundations of the Spiritual Life
- Take ONE additional foundational course at the 200-level.

Complete 6 hours of any 300- or 400- level courses.

Complete 9 hours of religious studies ELECTIVE CREDITS, including humanities division level courses and any other 200-level general education courses.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES TRACK FOR NON-MAJORS AND NON-MINORS: 15 HOURS:

Complete 6 hours of REQUIRED foundational courses:

- RELS 100 - Foundations of the Spiritual Life
- Take ONE additional foundational course at the 200-level.

Take 6 hours from any 300- cross-listed or 400- level courses.

Complete 3 hours of religious studies ELECTIVE CREDITS, including humanities division level courses and any other 200-level general education courses.

Complete Spirituality and Leadership Activity.