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Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]

RC 1000	3			May take in fall or spring semester of first year
Gen Ed Science Inquiry	4			
Ways of Being Religious I Course	3		X	Choose course from Ways of Being Religious I area on POS; Some courses count in General Education depending on choices
Studying Religion Course	3		X	Choose from REL 1010, 1100, 1110, 1115, 1120 – All will count as Liberal Studies Experience Course 1
Foreign Language 1010 (or CSD 3368)	3			If test out of this level, take appropriate level (FL 1030 may be option for some languages)

Semester Two: [16 Credit Hours]

UCO 1200	3			May take in fall or spring semester of first year
Foreign Language 1020 (or CSD 3370)	3			If test out of this level, take appropriate level or Free Elective if language is complete
Gen Ed Quantitative Literacy	4			
Gen Ed Science Inquiry	4			
Gen Ed Wellness Literacy	2			Take two PE activities OR one 2-hour wellness course from POS

Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]

RC 2001	3			May take fall or spring sophomore year
Foreign Language 1040 (or CSD 3372)	3			If test out of this level, take appropriate level or Free Elective if language is complete (FL 1060 may be an option for some lang)
REL Elective 1	3		X	See list of courses available in Religion Electives area on POS. You must have a total of 18 hours of REL at or above 3000 level to earn the degree. Some courses count in General Education depending on choices
Liberal Studies Experience Course 2	3			HS or LS or FA or SS Designation
Free Elective	3			

Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]

Foreign Language 1050 (or CSD 3374)	3			Counts as Liberal Studies Experience Course 3 ; if language complete, take Free Elective
Ways of Being Religious II Course	3		X	Choose course from Ways of Being Religious II area on POS
Minor Course 1	3			
Integrative Learning Experience Course 1	3			HS or LS or FA or SS Designation
Free Elective	3			

Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]

REL 3700	3			
REL Elective 2	3		X	See Religion Electives area on POS for list of courses and information
Minor Course 2	3			



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Liberal Studies Experience Course 4	3			HS or LS or FA or SS Designation; If Liberal Studies Experience is complete, take any remaining designation or Free Elective
Integrative Learning Experience Course 2	3			HS or LS or FA or SS Designation if still needed

Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]

Understanding the Studying of Religion Course	3		X	Choose course from Understanding Study of Religion area on POS;
REL Elective 3	3		X	See Religion Electives area on POS for list of courses and information
Minor Course 3	3			
Integrative Learning Experience Course 3	3			If Integrative Learning Experience is complete, take Free Elective
Free Elective	3			

Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]

REL Elective 4	3		X	See Religion Electives area on POS for list of courses and information
REL Elective 5	3		X	See Religion Electives area on POS for list of courses and info
Minor Course 4	3			
Minor Course 5	3			
Free Elective	3			

Semester Eight: [13 Credit Hours]

REL 4700	3		X	CAPSTONE ; May take fall or spring of senior year (Counts as 1 of your REL courses at or above 3000 level)
REL Elective 6	3		X	See Religion Electives area on POS for list of courses and information
Minor Course 6 or Free Elective	*4			Minor course, if needed for 18 hour minor; otherwise take Free Elective; Take enough Free Electives to reach the minimum 120 required for the degree.
Free Elective	3			

General Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Gen Ed. Hours	Writing	Minimum	
			Major GPA	Overall GPA
120	44	RC 1000 and RC 2001	2.0	2.0



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All REL courses and all courses in Major Requirements area on the Program of Study count in the major GPA.

*Some minors require a 2.0 GPA. See Programs of Study for information.

General Education Program Model - 44 Semester Hours Total		
Program Categories	Hours	Important Notes – <i>Be sure to check for Gen Ed courses required in your major</i>
First Year Seminar	3	Can be taken first or second semester of freshman year
Wellness Literacy	2	
Quantitative Literacy	4	
First Year Writing	3	Can be taken first or second semester of freshman year
Sophomore Writing	3	
Integrative Learning Experience	9	Must choose a minimum of two disciplines
Liberal Studies Experience	12	Must choose a minimum of three disciplines
Science Inquiry	8	
You must also meet the Fine Arts, Literary Studies, Historical Studies, and the Social Science Designations. Those may be met within the Integrative Learning Experience and the Liberal Studies Experience.		

Additional Notes:

- A maximum of 6 hours of internship (i.e., any combination of REL 2900 & 4900) may be counted towards the degree.
- Minor outside Religious Studies required for this degree.
- Foreign language requirement:
 - Student must take the Foreign Language Placement Test to determine starting course for the foreign language sequence.
 - If Foreign Language 1010 & 1020 taken for prerequisite purposes, they will count in place of 6 hours of Free Electives (3 hours per course).
 - FL 1030 may substitute for FL 1010 & 1020 for some languages; FL 1060 may substitute for FL 1040 & 1050 for some languages.
 - Foreign language classes can be taken in summer semesters.
- Students are required to demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a language other than English. Intermediate-level proficiency is demonstrated by successful completion of a 4th-semester language course (FL 1050 or 1060 or CSD 3374). A higher-level language course that requires one of these courses as a prerequisite may also be used to fulfill the requirement.
 - Placement exams are required for several languages. Should a student place higher than the beginning level, any lower level requirements listed on the four year guide will need to be replaced with a free elective if needed for total hours for the degree. Please consult with your advisor for more information.



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- **Note: Appalachian's language placement test is designed for placement purposes only, and a score on this test alone is not sufficient to demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency.**
- Residency Requirements:
 - 30 hours overall must be from ASU
 - 18 hours in the major must be from ASU
 - 9 hours in the minor must be from ASU