RELIGIOUS STUDIES

COLLEGE: ARTS AND SCIENCES
SCHOOL: NONE
DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS
OPTION/TRACK: NONE

LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM: NO

CAMPUS(ES) WHERE OFFERED/CONTACT:
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- Program of Study at a Florida Community/Junior College or SUS School for Students Planning to Transfer to USF
(State Mandated Common Prerequisites)
Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer without an A.A. degree and have fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

- Admission Requirements to the University Program of Study
Please be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university. This is a non-limited access program with the above courses recommended.

- Requirements for the Major in Religious Studies
A total of 36 credit hours chosen from Religious Studies courses. Transfer students may not apply more than 12 hours taken elsewhere toward the major at the University of South Florida. Only letter grades will be counted toward the (minimum of 24 credit hours taken at the University of South Florida for transfer students or) 36 (for non-transfer students) credit hours necessary to complete the 36 credit hours required for the major. Students taking Religious Studies as a second major need to complete only 30 credit hours. To do so they must make a written request to the Undergraduate Director at the time they declare their major.

All majors must take:
- REL 3003 Introduction to Religion (3)
- REL 4949 The Development of Religious Studies (3)
- REL 4931 Seminar in Religion (3)

An additional 27 credit hours chosen from Religious Studies courses. Students are expected to study at least two different religious traditions.

All transfer student must take a minimum of 24 hours in Religious Studies courses at the University of South Florida.

It is the prerogative of the Department of Religious Studies to determine whether courses taken at other universities may be applied toward the major at the University of South Florida. This will be decided as soon as the student becomes a major in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of South Florida.

The department’s course offerings are sufficiently varied that a student should expect to enroll in its scheduled classes. No more than three directed studies courses may be applied toward the major. Any student who wishes to take any type of directed study, including REL 3900, must have the (written) approval of his/her instructor, and the director of undergraduate studies.