

B.A. in World Religions (1515)

Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Spring 2025) Department of Philosophy and World Religions (religion@rowan.edu)

Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2018 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RU GPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of "D-" or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
 - An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
 - Rowan Core & Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally (www.rowan.edu/registrar) and may also be searched on that site under "Attributes." A list of Rowan Core courses is here: <https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/AS/Rowan+Core+Course+List>.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

Program-Specific Graduation Requirements for this Major / Degree

- Only courses taken as free electives can be taken on a P/NC basis.

Rowan Core Requirements¹

*Students must satisfy all **six** Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy. With the exception of the 9 sh counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.*

- (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*
 - COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 sh)
 - COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 sh)
 - CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 sh)
- (ARTL) Artistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (GLBL) Global Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (HUML) Humanistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (SCIL) Scientific Literacy *Recommendation from major:*

Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 sh

Rowan Experience Requirements

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- (WI) Writing Intensive Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- (RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute² *Recommendation from major:*

Non-Program Courses (minimum 18 sh)

Courses in this section cannot be in the major department.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
Experiential Learning		Choose one course from the bank of experiential learning courses below.			0-6
Subtotal: 18 sh					

¹ The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

² The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Choose one course from the following bank of experiential learning courses.

Course #	Course Name
<input type="radio"/> AFST 11310	Service-Learning Seminar in Africana Studies
<input type="radio"/> AFST 11350	Topics in Africana Studies: Model African Union
<input type="radio"/> ANTH 02290	Museum Studies
<input type="radio"/> ANTH 02295	Introduction to Qualitative Research
<input type="radio"/> ANTH 02315	Forensic Anthropology
<input type="radio"/> ANTH 02320	Archaeological Field Methods
<input type="radio"/> DPEM 43495	Internship in Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management
<input type="radio"/> ECED 23320	Building Brains: Resilience and Competency
<input type="radio"/> ECON 04410	Internship in Economics
<input type="radio"/> EDPA 02490	Public Service Internship
<input type="radio"/> HIST 05378	Special Topics: History of Camden
<input type="radio"/> HIST 05495	Internship in History
<input type="radio"/> HSRV 01350	Field Experience I, II, or III

Course #	Course Name
<input type="radio"/> INCL 02310	STREAM 1: Social Studies, ELA, & the Arts in the Inclusive Classroom
<input type="radio"/> INTR 01470	Semester Abroad
<input type="radio"/> INTR 20390	Interdisciplinary Case Studies in the Liberal Arts
<input type="radio"/> INTR 20395	Experiential Learning in the Humanities & Social Sciences
<input type="radio"/> INTR 20399	Internship in the Applied Liberal Arts
<input type="radio"/> IS 25350	Special Topics in Intl Studies: Model United Nations
<input type="radio"/> LAWJ 05356	Criminal Justice Internship I
<input type="radio"/> LAWJ 05357	Criminal Justice Internship II
<input type="radio"/> SMED 40450	Schools and Society
<input type="radio"/> SOC 08377	Field Research Experience
<input type="radio"/> SOC 08494	Field Experience in Sociology
<input type="radio"/> SPAN 05452	Internship in Spanish
<input type="radio"/> SPAN 05499	Study Abroad

Major Requirements (30 sh)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 3 sh Foundational course
- 24 sh of World Religions courses
 - At least 6 sh of 100 or 200 level courses (and at least 3 sh of non-Western courses)
 - 3 sh Methodological course
 - At least 9 sh of 300 or 400 level courses
 - No more than 3 sh of Non-Departmental courses
- 3 sh Capstone course
- 30 sh total

FOUNDATIONAL COURSE

Course #	Course Name	Course Designations / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
REL 10100	World Religions	Global			3
					Subtotal: 3 sh

100 AND 200 LEVEL COURSES

Choose at least two of the following courses (and at least one non-Western course).

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/> REL 10150	Religion on Film				3
<input type="radio"/> REL 10210	Religion in America	Humanistic			3
<input type="radio"/> REL 10214	Religions of the Western World	Humanistic & LIT			3
<input type="radio"/> REL 10230 OR PHIL 09231	Religions of Asia OR Asian Thought	Asian Thought: Global & LIT			3
<input type="radio"/> REL 10240	Introduction to the Bible	Humanistic & LIT			3
<input type="radio"/> PHRE 11269	Introduction to Queer Theory	Humanistic & LIT			3
					Subtotal: at least 6 sh

METHODOLOGICAL COURSE

Choose one of the following courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/> REL 10219	Approaches to Religion	This course is recommended			3
<input type="radio"/> PHIL 09200	Philosophy of Religion				3
<input type="radio"/> SOC 08322	Sociology of Religion				3
					Subtotal: 3 sh

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300 AND 400 LEVEL COURSES

Choose at least three of the following courses.

	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/>	REL 10301	Judaism	Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course; Humanistic & LIT			3
<input type="radio"/>	REL 10320	Christianity	Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course; Humanistic & LIT			3
<input type="radio"/>	REL 10331	Spirituality and Nature				3
<input type="radio"/>	REL 10335	Sex and the Bible				3
<input type="radio"/>	REL 10340	Topics in World Religions	can be taken more than once			3
<input type="radio"/>	REL 10350	Spirituality and Healing				3
<input type="radio"/>	PHRE 11310	Buddhism	Global & LIT; Pre-req: PHIL, REL or PHRE course			3
<input type="radio"/>	PHRE 11330	Daoism	Global & LIT; Pre-req: PHIL, REL or PHRE course			3
<input type="radio"/>	PHRE 11361	Ethics in and out of Religions	Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course			3
<input type="radio"/>	PHRE 11440	Topics in Philosophy and World Religions	Prereq: PHIL, REL or PHRE course; can be taken more than once			3
<input type="radio"/>	PHRE 11469	Topics in Queer Theory				3
Subtotal: at least 9 sh						

NON-DEPARTMENTAL 300 AND 400 LEVEL COURSES

Choose at most one of the following courses.

	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/>	ANTH 02323	Magic and Religion				3
<input type="radio"/>	HIST 05383	Islamic Civilization				3
<input type="radio"/>	HIST 05311	Renaissance and Reformation				3
<input type="radio"/>	HIST 05417	Women in Islam				3
<input type="radio"/>	HIST 05444	Islamic Movements				3
<input type="radio"/>	SOC 08365	Contemporary Jewish Life				3
Subtotal: at most 3 sh						

CAPSTONE

Complete both of the following requirements.

	Course #	Course Name	Course Designations / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
	REL 10450	Senior Seminar in World Religions	Pre-req: 12 sh of REL or PHRE courses			3
		Career Event requirement	Attend at least 2 career events			0
Subtotal: 3 sh						

Free Electives for this Major/Degree (63 sh)

Students should choose Free Electives that satisfy any Rowan Core or Rowan Experience requirements that are not fulfilled by Major or Non-Program courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits

Total Program Credits Required for this Major / Degree: 120 SH