

**2003-05 Catalog Paradigm
Religious Studies**

First Year	
1.	RS106 (GS1)
2.	RS114
3.	General Education
4.	General Education
5.	General Education
6.	Elective/Minor
7.	Elective/Minor
8.	Elective/Minor

Second Year	
1.	RS250 or 321
2.	RS Elective
3.	RS Elective
4.	General Education
5.	General Education
6.	General Education
7.	General Education
8.	Elective/Minor

Third Year	
1.	RS300
2.	RS420
3.	RS Elective
4.	General Education
5.	General Education
6.	Elective/Minor
7.	Elective/Minor
8.	Elective/Minor

Fourth Year	
1.	RS433
2.	RS460
3.	General Education
4.	General Education
5.	Elective/Minor
6.	Elective/Minor
7.	Elective/Minor
8.	Elective/Minor

Elective/Minor courses can be used to take additional major courses, free electives, or to fulfill a minor.

Progress Sheet Religious Studies

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____	
General Education – Lower Biennium	Major
<input type="checkbox"/> GS1 – Religious Studies _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS2 – Philosophy of Human Nature _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS3 – Human Relationships _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS4 – Natural Science _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS5 – Creative Expression _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS6 – United States Heritage _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS7 – Foreign Heritages _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS8 – Quantitative Skills _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS9 – Writing _____	Required Courses: <input type="checkbox"/> RS106 – Introduction to the Bible <input type="checkbox"/> RS114 – Introduction to Theology <input type="checkbox"/> RS250 – Practical Theology or RS321 – Topics in Scripture <input type="checkbox"/> RS300 – Doing Theology Today <input type="checkbox"/> RS420 – The Christian Tradition <input type="checkbox"/> RS433 – Christian Ethics: Theology and Society <input type="checkbox"/> RS460 – Advanced Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> RS Elective* _____ <input type="checkbox"/> RS Elective* _____ <input type="checkbox"/> RS Elective* _____ * - two of these electives must not be from the General Education courses.
General Education – Upper Biennium	
<input type="checkbox"/> GS1 – Religious Studies _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS10 – Western Tradition _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS11 – Global Society _____ <input type="checkbox"/> GS12 – Senior Colloquium (GS400) _____	Note – Besides the required courses for the major, the student would be well advised to take courses in related disciplines such as philosophy, history, art, literature, sociology, and psychology. Religious Studies majors will not be able to count any of the above courses as satisfying their General Education Upper Biennium Area I requirement.

Religious Studies (RELS)

The goal of the Religious Studies discipline at St. Norbert College is to provide students with the opportunity and skills to explore the role and the significance of religion in human life and culture, to reflect critically on the nature and meaning of religious belief, to grapple with the ultimate questions and issues religion addresses, and to consider thoughtfully those biblical, historical, theological and ethical sources that contribute to the Christian heritage. As a part of the General Education Program, religious studies courses should enable students to approach religion as an academic discipline, lead them to a critical awareness of the problems of religious faith, and acquaint them with various theologies and religions, particularly in their impact on human life. In the undergraduate major in religious studies, the student is introduced to the scholarly methods and analytical tools in the study of religion, namely the literary, theological, historical, ethical, and comparative. The student is also encouraged to engage in independent study and must participate in a research seminar. The course of study provides a solid grounding not only for those who wish to pursue graduate academic and pastoral studies in the field, but also for those who intend careers in religious education and in church ministry. As a major program in the liberal arts, religious studies helps cultivate a greater sensitivity to the complexity and diversity of Christian beliefs and practices in an increasingly international, multicultural, and global environment. Furthermore, courses in religious studies help develop a student's capacity for critical thinking and sound argumentation, thus preparing the student for a wide range of professional career choices. The academic minor augments the backgrounds of students whose major programs are in the social and natural sciences and complements those of students whose concentrations are from within the Humanities and Fine Arts. The minor in liturgical studies features the distinctive component of a supervised internship in a local parish.

Killeen Chair of Theology and Philosophy: The program in theology is enhanced by the Killeen Chair which provides the opportunity to bring to campus each year for short periods of time nationally and internationally known figures in theology.

Graduate School Advisor: Dr. Paul Wadell

Major (10 courses):

Required courses: RELS 106, 114, 250 or 321, 300, 420, 433, and 460. Students seeking Education certification must also take one of the following: GENS 413, RELS 330, 342, or 350. **Elective courses:** Three RELS courses, two of which must not be from the General Education courses. Religious Studies majors will not be able to count any of the above courses as satisfying their General Education Upper Biennium Area 1 requirement.

Religious Studies Major with Youth Ministry Emphasis (14 courses):

Required courses: RELS 106, 114, 250 or 321, 300, 420, 433, 460, and 494; select two non-general education RS courses. Select four of the following: SSCI 220, PSYC 312, PSYC 325, COMM 122, COMM 222, LEAD 200, and

LEAD 378; pending the approval of the Religious Studies Coordinator, others courses suited to youth ministry themes may also be selected. The internship course would incorporate special methods in youth ministry. Students would have experienced some observation of youth ministry work in the Practical Theology course.

Academic Minor (6 courses):

Required courses: RELS 106; one course from RELS 114, 320, and 433; two courses not designated as General

Education. **Elective courses:** Two from any RELS courses, including GENS 406 or 413.

Those students interested in future CCD work should take RELS 106, 114, 332, 360, and 420 for certification.

Academic Minor in Liturgical Studies (6 courses):

Required courses: RELS 106, 114, 242, 312, 316 and one non-General Education RELS elective.

Teaching Minor (6 courses):

Required courses: RELS 106; one course from RELS 114, 360, 420, 433, and one course from RELS 221, 245,

344, or 350. **Elective courses:** Three from any RELS courses.