



MA IN RELIGION CHECKLIST

Name: _____ UNI: _____

Requirement	Number & Title	Points
Core	Research Methods course	
Core	RELI GR6101: Theory and Method	4
Core	RELI GR6420: Religion and Public Life	4
Core	RELI GR6112: Thesis Research and Writing Seminar	4
Elective		3-4
Elective		3-4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Optional Language		5
Optional Language		5

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION POLICIES

The requirements on the MA in Religion Checklist pertain to the standalone MA degree only, not the MA degree earned as part of the PhD Program.

Students must complete two Residence Units and a minimum of 30 points at the 4000-level or higher with the exception of courses taken at Union Theological Seminary. As Union Theological Seminary is a graduate school with an independent course numbering convention, courses taken at any level at Union Theological Seminary may count toward the degree. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 (B) to remain in good standing in the program. At least 30 points must be taken for a letter grade of B or better. Courses graded Pass/Fail or taken for R credit cannot be counted toward the degree.

Students must successfully complete the following required courses with a grade of B or better:

- Theory and Method in the Study of Religion (RELI GR6101, 4 points)
- Research Methods course
- Religion and Public Life (RELI 6420, 4 points)
- Capstone Writing course (RELI GR6112, 4 points)

Examination

Students must arrange an individual oral examination based on either a thesis or an article-length scholarly paper. The exam is to be administered by a two-member faculty committee selected by the student and approved by the MA Advisor.

Timetable

Full-time students are expected to complete the program in two to four semesters. Part-time students must complete the program within eight semesters. The requirements for the part-time MA are the same as for the full-time MA

Plan of Study

The below plans of study are samples only. Students should arrange their individual plans of study with a faculty advisor designated by the Director of Graduate Studies.

Sample program without language study (2 semesters)

Semester	Number & Title	Points
Fall	RELI GR6101: Theory and Method	4
Fall	Research Methods course	
Fall	Elective	3
Fall	Elective	4
Spring	RELI GR6420: Religion and Public Life	4
Spring	RELI GR6112: Thesis Research and Writing Seminar	4
Spring	Elective	3
Spring	Elective	4

Sample program with beginning language study (4 semesters):

Semester	Number & Title	Points
Fall: Year 1	RELI GR6101: Theory and Method	4
Fall: Year 1	Elementary Language I	5
Fall: Year 1	Elective	4
Spring: Year 1	RELI GR6420: Religion and Public Life	4
Spring: Year 1	Elementary Language II	5
Spring: Year 1	Elective	3
Fall: Year 2	Research Methods course	4
Fall: Year 2	Intermediate Language I	5
Fall: Year 2	Elective	4
Spring: Year 2	RELI GR6112: Thesis Research and Writing Seminar	4
Spring: Year 2	Intermediate Language II	5
Spring: Year 2	Elective	3

Sample program with intermediate language study (3 semesters):

Semester	Title	Points
Fall: Year 1	RELI GR6101: Theory and Method	4
Fall: Year 1	Research Methods course	4
Fall: Year 1	Intermediate Language I	5
Fall: Year 1	Elective	4
Spring: Year 1	RELI GR6420: Religion and Public Life	4
Spring: Year 1	Intermediate Language II	5
Spring: Year 1	Elective	3
Spring: Year 1	Elective	4
Fall: Year 2	RELI GR6112: Thesis Research and Writing Seminar OR RELI GR9901: Research in Religion I	4
Fall: Year 2	Advanced Language I	5
Fall: Year 2	Elective	3
Fall: Year 2	Elective	4