



MA IN RELIGION CHECKLIST

Name: _____ UNI: _____

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

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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 Graduate Level (GU or GR). 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. If a student is looking to take a language course for credit, they should speak to the MA Program director prior to registration.

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, 3 points)
- ✓ Religion and Public Life (RELI 6420, 4 points)
- ✓ Thesis Research & Writing (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 Program Director.

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

Sample program without language study (2 semesters)

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

Sample program with beginning language study (4 semesters):

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

Sample program with intermediate language study (3 semesters):

Semester	Title	Points
Fall: Year 1	RELI GR6101: Theory and Method	3
Fall: Year 1	Elective	4
Fall: Year 1	Intermediate Language I	
Fall: Year 1	Elective	4
Spring: Year 1	RELI GR6420: Religion and Public Life	4
Spring: Year 1	Intermediate Language II	
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	
Fall: Year 2	Elective	3
Fall: Year 2	Elective	4