



PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

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Bachelor of Arts

Religious Studies



In religious studies, our explorations are wide-ranging, embracing the human religious response, from the great world religions to marginal and quasi-religious phenomena, such as shamanism and magic. We examine history, social and cultural configurations, symbolism, and literature, as well as theologies and metaphysical philosophies within belief systems. You will study shared themes and marked differences in myths and rituals, and how religion permeates even our secular lives.

What determines my program requirements?

Please refer to the Academic Calendar (www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar) for complete program information.

Calendar Year: 2025/2026 - Your calendar year is set to the academic year you are admitted (or readmitted) and you should follow the requirements for that year for the duration of your program.

Faculty/School: Faculty of Arts and Science (www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci)

Program(s): Bachelor of Arts

Major(s): Religious Studies

Minor: A defined set of courses, designed to provide depth in a particular discipline, study in an interdisciplinary area, or focus on a theme-related topic. To learn more about optional minors see www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/minors.

Am I admissible to this program?

Admission: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad

Transfer: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/transfer-resources

When/How do I apply to the University?

Deadlines: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/deadlines

Step-by-Step: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/step-by-step

Where can I find information on courses?

Course Catalogue: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses

Registration Guide: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-guide

When can I register for classes?

Register early! (March for Summer and Fall; November for Winter)

Registration Dates: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-dates

How can I enhance my program?

Career Bridge: www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge

Co-op Education: www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education

Honours Thesis: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis

Double Major: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/double-major

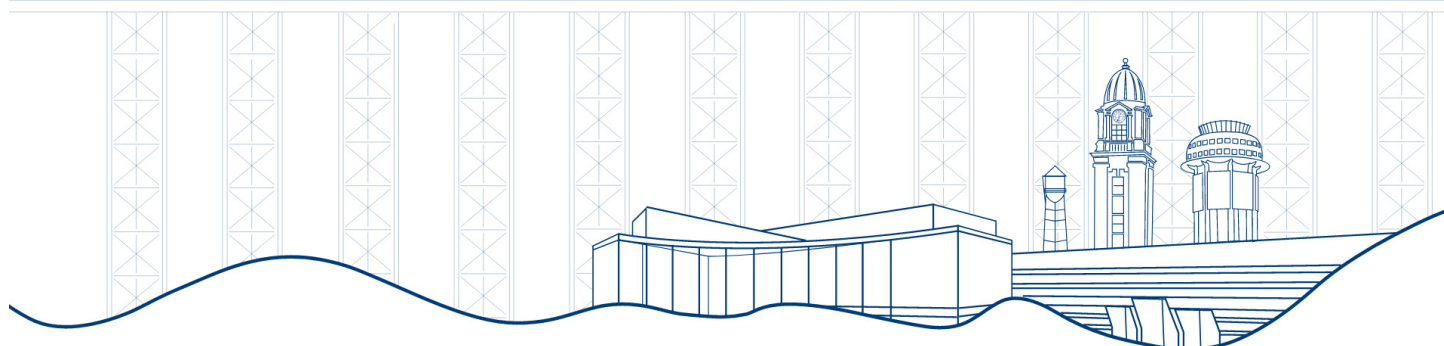
What supports are available to students?

Student Services: www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services

Student Success Centre: www.ulethbridge.ca/student-success-centre

Accessible Learning: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/alc

Counselling Services: www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling





Required courses and notes

Major Requirements (14 Courses)

- _____ 1. Religious Studies 1000 - Introduction to World Religions
- _____ 2. Religious Studies 2001 - Religion, Worldviews, and Identity
- _____ 3. **One of (Eastern Religions):**
 - _____ Religious Studies 2100 - The Hindu Tradition
 - _____ Religious Studies 2200 - The Buddhist Tradition
 - _____ Religious Studies 2330 - Chinese Religions
 - _____ Religious Studies 2360 - Japanese Religions
- _____ 4. **One of (Western Religions):**
 - _____ Religious Studies 2400 - Judaism
 - _____ Religious Studies 2450 - Bible Survey
 - _____ Religious Studies 2500 - Christianity
 - _____ Religious Studies 2600 - Islam
- _____ 5. **One of:**
 - _____ Religious Studies 4000 - Seminars in Religious Studies (Series)
 - _____ Religious Studies 4110 - Seminars in Eastern Religions (Series)
 - _____ Religious Studies 4400 - Seminars in Western Religions (Series)
- _____ 6. ¹ **One of:**
 - _____ Anthropology 2550 - Anthropology of Religion
 - _____ Anthropology 3500 - Ritual, Practice, and Performance
 - _____ Archaeology 3171 - Ancient Israel
 - _____ Hebrew 1000 - Elementary Classical Hebrew I
 - _____ Hebrew 2000 - Elementary Classical Hebrew II
 - _____ History 3007 - Greek and Roman Mythology
 - _____ History 3103 - The Crusades
 - _____ History 3402 - The Reformation
 - _____ Indigenous Studies 2000 - Introduction to Indigenous Philosophies
 - _____ Indigenous Studies 4000 - Indigenous Philosophies - Advanced
 - _____ Latin 1000 - Elementary Latin I
 - _____ Latin 1100 - Elementary Latin II
 - _____ Philosophy 2010 - Ancient Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 2210 - Philosophy of Religion
 - _____ Philosophy 3260 - Metaphysics
 - _____ Political Science 3500 - Pre-Modern Political Thought (Series)
 - _____ Political Science 3525 - Politics of Reason and Revelation
 - _____ Sociology 3330 - Sociology of Religion
- _____ 7.-8. Two additional courses (6.0 credit hours) in Religious Studies at the 2000 level selected from Eastern Religions or Western Religions
 - _____ 7. _____
 - _____ 8. _____
- _____ 9.-13. ² Five additional courses (15.0 credit hours) in Religious Studies at the 3000/4000 level, excluding Religious Studies 3980 and Religious Studies 4980 (Applied Studies), and Religious Studies 4995 (Undergraduate Thesis)
 - _____ 9. _____
 - _____ 10. _____
 - _____ 11. _____
 - _____ 12. _____
 - _____ 13. _____
- _____ 14. One additional course (3.0 credit hours) in Religious Studies or from the non-Religious Studies course list above
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Notes

- ¹ Most courses in this list have prerequisites that are not part of the major.
- ² A maximum of one Independent Study course (3.0 credit hours) may be used to fulfill the 3000/4000-level requirement.

From time to time, Topics courses in other disciplines will address the subject of religion. These will be considered for credit toward a Religious Studies major on an individual basis and must be approved by the Department Chair.

Electives (26 Courses)

- _____ 15.-40. Twenty-six additional courses (78.0 credit hours) chosen to complete program requirements
 - _____ 15. _____
 - _____ 16. _____
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Liberal Education List Requirement

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total may be counted from any one discipline toward the Lib Ed Requirement. Disciplines are identified by separate course subject codes. Cross-listed courses count toward the limit for both disciplines (e.g. IGBM 3250/INDG 3250 counts toward the limit for Dhillon School of Business courses and Indigenous Studies).

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total from the Faculty of Education (EDUC), Faculty of Health Sciences (ADCS, HLSC, INHL, NURS, PUBH, and TREC), and the Dhillon School of Business (ACCT, AGEM, FINC, GLBU, HRLR, IGBM, MGT, and MKTG) may be counted towards the Lib Ed Requirement.

To determine if a course has a Liberal Education designation, see School of Liberal Education in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Undergraduate Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar.

_____ **1.-4. List I: Fine Arts and Humanities**

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____

_____ **5.-8. List II: Social Science**

- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____
- _____ 8. _____

_____ **9.-12. List III: Science**

- _____ 9. _____
- _____ 10. _____
- _____ 11. _____
- _____ 12. _____

General Requirements

_____ A minimum of 40 courses (120.0 credit hours) with a GPA of at least 2.00.

_____ A maximum of five Independent Study courses (15.0 credit hours) may be completed for credit towards the degree.

_____ A maximum of five Disciplinary Credit Applied Studies courses (15.0 credit hours) may be completed for credit towards the degree. Students may, in addition, complete Applied Studies 2000, 2001, 2010, and 2011.

_____ A maximum of 24 courses (72.0 credit hours) may be completed from any one discipline for credit towards the degree. Disciplines are identified by a specific course label (e.g. KNES, ASTR, and HIST are separate disciplines).

_____ A maximum of 6.0 credit hours in Activity courses (i.e. courses labelled PHAC and MUSE) may be completed for credit towards the degree, except for Kinesiology majors (not more than 15.0 credit hours) and Music majors (not more than 12.0 credit hours).

_____ A maximum of six courses (18.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered outside the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education may be completed for credit towards the degree (i.e. labelled ACCT, ADCS, AGEM, CDEV, CRED, EDUC, FINC, GLBU, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, INHL, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, and TREC). Courses cross-listed between the Faculty of Arts and Science and another Faculty or School do not count towards this limit.

_____ Residence requirement: a minimum of 20 courses (60.0 credit hours) must be completed at the University of Lethbridge, including at least 10 courses (30.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education at the 3000/4000 level. At least half of the courses required in the major must be completed at the University of Lethbridge.

A **maximum** of 12 courses (36.0 credit hours) may be completed at the 1000 level (or lower) for credit towards the degree, excluding Activity courses (labelled PHAC and MUSE) and courses numbered in the range of 0520 to 0530.

_____ **1.-12. Introductory Course Limit**

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- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
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- _____ 6. _____
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A **minimum** of 15 courses (45.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education at the 3000/4000 level, excluding Activity courses (labelled PHAC and MUSE). Out-of-faculty courses (i.e. labelled ACCT, ADCS, AGEM, CDEV, CRED, EDUC, FINC, GLBU, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, INHL, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, and TREC) will not meet this requirement.

_____ **1.-15. Senior Course Requirement**

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- _____ 15. _____

Optional Minor:

For information about minors see **Minors** in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar. Consult with an Academic Advisor if you wish to add a minor to your program.

_____ **1.-6. Required Courses**

- _____ 1. _____
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- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____



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Shown below is the recommended sequence of courses for your degree. Consult timetables for course offerings, prerequisites, and corequisites before registering each term as some courses may have limited offerings (ie. once a year, alternating years, or only offered in the Fall or Winter terms). Consult with an Academic Advisor in your faculty if you wish to alter this sequence with regard to the specifically listed courses.

Note that this sequence was prepared based on course scheduling at the time of publication and may change during your studies.

First Year

- Religious Studies 1000
- Western or Eastern Religions 2000 level
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Lib Ed Requirement course

Second Year

- Religious Studies 2001
- Western or Eastern Religions 2000 level
- Western or Eastern Religions 2000 level
- Western or Eastern Religions 2000 level
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

Third Year

- Religious Studies 3000/4000 level
- Religious Studies 3000/4000 level
- Religious Studies 3000/4000 level
- Non-Religious Studies list course
- Elective 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
- Elective
- Elective

Fourth Year

- One of: Religious Studies Elective or
Non-Religious Studies list course
- Religious Studies 4000-level list course
- Religious Studies 3000/4000 level
- Religious Studies 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
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