

Religion MAJOR - Bachelor of Arts Degree

The major requires 32 semester hours with 12 hours in upper division courses (in addition to Religion 498 and Religion 499 as discussed below) and a minimum of eight hours in each of the two main areas of study listed below.

1. Christian Traditions, (8) examines diverse forms of Christianity within their historical, cultural and political contexts. These courses are designated as RC.
2. Global Religious Traditions (8) highlights PLU's commitment to local-global education through analysis of diverse religions, both here and abroad. These courses are designated as RG.
3. In addition, students participate in Religion 498: Research in Religion and Religion 499: Capstone Research Seminar.

	Fall Term	J-Term	Spring Term	Comments
First Year	RELI 100-200-level (either RC or RG)			We recommend that students take one 100 or 200 level RC and RG courses in the first year.
Sophomore Year	RELI 200-level (either RC or RG)		RELI 200-level (either RC or RG)	We recommend that students take two 200 level RC and RG courses in the second year.
Junior Year	RELI 300-400-level		RELI 300-400-level	We recommend that students take two or three 300 level courses in the third year.
Senior Year	RELI 498 RELI 300-400-level		RELI 499	We recommend that students one 300 level course, RELI 498, and RELI 499 in the fourth year.

This is for advising purposes only and does not denote a contract with the student or Pacific Lutheran University. Many programs have specific deadlines for application or declaration – contact the department or program chair for information. This information is accurate as of March 7, 2019; please check back frequently as some things may have changed. The university reserves the right to make necessary changes at its discretion.

General Degree Requirements

- A minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- In addition to the requirements of this major, students must complete all other requirements of the University as listed in the catalog.
- At least 8 semester hours for the major must be taken in residence at PLU.

All students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of Upper-Division work for (300-400 level) which includes courses in the major.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR ADVISING:

- RELI 498 and 499 do not count towards the required 12 semester hours of upper division.
- RELI 498 is only offered in Fall semester and RELI 499 is only offered in Spring semester and they may not be taken prior to your junior year. It is recommended that these be taken in sequence during the Senior Year.

- Study Away courses - The Religion department encourages students to plan their study away courses in advance keeping in mind the 498 and 499 courses of the major and when they are offered
- Go to department web page and catalog for complete information on the department and major.
- REMEMBER: All students must have at least 40 semester hours of 300- and 400-level coursework in order to graduate. Please plan accordingly.

For NON-MAJORS: We recommend that first and second year students enroll in 100 and 200 level Religion courses. Third and fourth year students should enroll in 300 level courses, regardless of their previous exposure to the subject area. Our 300-level courses are designed to require the *skills* we expect of third and fourth year students (in terms of the ability to read and interpret texts, conduct research, and write a substantial thesis-driven paper). We do not expect prior knowledge about the subject matter in our 300-level courses. We do not have pre-requisites for our 300-level courses. But we do not recommend 300-level courses for first and second year students who may not yet have developed advanced reading and writing skills.