

As of 8/1/2014

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**General Degree Requirements**

- A minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- Students must complete all other requirements of the University as listed in the catalog, in addition to the requirements of this major.
- 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.

**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 described below) and a minimum of eight hours in each of the two main areas of study listed below:

- Christian Traditions, (8 credit hours) examines diverse forms of Christianity within their historical, cultural and political contexts. These courses are designated as RC.
- Global Religious Traditions (8 credit hours) highlights PLU's commitment to local-global education through analysis of diverse religions, both here and abroad. These courses are designated as RG.

**\*\*In addition, students participate in RELI 498: Research in Religion and RELI 499: Capstone Research Seminar.**

**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.
- RELI 498 prerequisite: successful completion of two RELI courses grade C- or higher, one of which must be an upper-division course, and consent of instructor.
- 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.
- Language Requirement: The Religion Major requires that students take Option 1 or 2 of the College of Arts and Sciences Language Requirement (see course catalog). Students who have begun PLU in Fall 2012 and after are held to this new requirement.
- Go to department web page and catalog for complete information on the department and major.

	Fall Term	J-Term	Spring Term	Comments
<b>First Year</b>	<b>100 and 200 level courses recommended</b>		<b>100 and 200 level courses recommended</b>	Should take a mix of lower-division (100 & 200 level) RC and RG courses
<b>Sophomore Year</b>	<b>100 and 200 level courses recommended; 300 level courses recommended upon completion of 2 lower-division courses</b>		<b>100 and 200 level courses recommended; 300 level courses recommended upon completion of 2 lower-division courses</b>	May take a mix of lower-division and upper-division RC and RG courses. Should complete 8 hrs in Christian Traditions (RC) and 8 hrs in Global Religious Traditions (RG) plus one additional course in RC or RG by the end of the Sophomore year.
	<b>Option I or II College of Arts and Sciences Language Requirement</b>			

<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>8 hrs in major (upper division)</b>		<b>4 hrs in major (upper division)</b>	Must complete 12 hrs upper-division beyond 498 & 499 and should ideally complete all upper-division hrs in RELI prior to taking RELI 498 & RELI 499.
<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>RELI 498 4 hrs in major (elective)</b>		<b>RELI 499 Prerequisite: RELI 498</b>	RELI 498 is only offered Fall semesters and RELI 499 is only offered Spring semesters. <b>RELI 498 prerequisite:</b> successful completion of two RELI courses grade C- or higher, one of which must be an upper-division course, and consent of instructor. <b>RELI 499 is the second half of the Religion Capstone sequence and is intended for and required of major. RELI 499 does not satisfy the Religion GenEd requirement, and does not count toward the minor.</b>