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Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- 6.0 units from RELS 131/6.0, RELS 161/6.0, (RELS 162/3.0 and RELS 163/3.0)
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- RELS 255/3.0
- 15.0 units from RELS Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- RELS 354/3.0
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4TH YEAR
- RELS 401/3.0
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# Religious Studies Major Map

**What will I learn?**

A degree in Religious Studies can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- **Intercultural Literacy:**
  - Historical, textual, cultural dimensions of diverse religious traditions
  - Impact of religion on global politics and histories
  - Respect for difference

- **Analytical/Problem-solving Proficiencies:**
  - Methods and theories of analysis used in the academic study of religion
  - Interpretation of primary and secondary sources, historical and contemporary
  - Research design and implementation

- **Communication Skills:**
  - Summarize complex material
  - Develop convincing arguments
  - Write cogently and present effectively

- **People Skills:**
  - Collaboration in groups
  - Listening, consideration and evaluation of others’ ideas/opposing arguments

**Where can I go?**

A degree in Religious Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Cultural affairs
- Faith-based leadership
- Human resources
- International development
- Family and labour relations
- Patient advocacy
- Public policy
- Social services

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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