

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Control Number: 04022
Financial Aid Eligible

The Religious Studies program at Orange Coast College is designed to provide students with a broad introduction to the academic study of religion. Students transferring to Religious Studies programs at four-year colleges will have a strong background for upper division work in the major. Non-majors will find most Religious Studies fulfill area requirements for AA and transfer degrees.

Program Outcome

Students will be able to analyze dimensions of various religions utilizing methodologies appropriate to the academic study of religion.

Associate in Arts Degree Requirements

- UNIT REQUIREMENT** - 60 UNITS, with at least a 2.0 grade point average. At least 12 of the units must be earned at OCC, with a minimum of one course taken for a letter grade. At least 3 units in an advanced course from the program must be completed at OCC. A student must be enrolled at the time of application for graduation. Units earned at an accredited college or university on a credit/no credit basis will be counted toward the degree requirements of the college, to a maximum of 15 units.
- MAJOR REQUIREMENT** - Complete the AA major requirements.
- MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT** - Demonstrate competence in mathematics by either obtaining a satisfactory grade (grade of "C" or better or "pass") in a mathematics course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra as demonstrated by prior coursework, or by demonstrating competency that is comparable through the completion of a college-level math course that has Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite: Psychology A160 or Math A100 or higher, with the exception of Math A220.
- GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT** - Students may choose to complete Option 1 (OCC AA GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-arts-general-education-option-1/>), Option 2 (CSU GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>), or Option 3 (IGETC) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>) to satisfy the general education requirement. See the General Education Patterns section of this catalog for more information.
- GLOBAL AND MULTICULTURAL REQUIREMENT** (*Required for AA degree only*) Some of the courses listed in this requirement can also be used to meet General Education Requirements. Courses that are repeatable for credit can only be used once in this area. - Select one or more courses from the following totaling 3 units: Anthropology A100*, A100H*, A102*, A190*, Art A108*, Communication Studies A155*, Counseling A107*, A107H*, Dance A130*, A133*, A135*, A137*, A138*, Early Childhood A126, English A152*, A173*, Ethnic Studies A100*, A150*, Fashion A125, Food, and Nutrition A185, Geography A185*, History A101*, A110*, A141, A142, A145,* A150*, A151*, A152*, A161*, A161H*, A162*, A162H*, Philosophy A120*, Psychology A105*, Religious Studies A110*, A120*, A140*, A150*, A160, Sociology

A100*, A100H*, A115*, A150*, A190* *Denotes courses that fulfill CSU GE Breadth and/ or IGETC requirements.

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
RLST A100	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
RLST A110	World Religion	3
RLST/PHIL A115	Philosophy of Religion	3
<i>Restricted Electives</i>		
Select a minimum of nine units of the following:		9
ENGL A141	The Bible As Literature	
	or ENGL A141H The Bible As Literature Honors	
PHIL A120	Ethics	
RLST A135	Religion, Spirituality and Society	
RLST A150	Eastern Thought	
RLST A151	Early and Western Religions	
Program Major Units		18
AA General Education Option 1, 2, or 3		Varies
Transferable electives as needed to satisfy unit requirement		Varies
Total Units		60

Program Sequence

These sequences at Orange Coast College are general course curriculum maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. The course sequence may include course prerequisites and other placement requirements. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Semester 1		
RLST A100	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
RLST A110	World Religion	3
OCC AA GE AREA A1 - CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AA GE AREA D2 - CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AA GE AREA C2 - CHOOSE ONE ¹		0.5-4
Units		12.5-16
Semester 2		
RLST A115	Philosophy of Religion	3
	or PHIL A115	or Philosophy of Religion
PSCI A180	American Government	3
	or PSCI A180H	or American Government Honors
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements) ²		3
OCC AA GE AREA D3 - CHOOSE ONE		3
Select one of the following or satisfy Math competency (completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better):		3-4
MATH A030	Intermediate Algebra ³	
	or MATH A045	or Combined Elementary and Intermediate Algebra
Units		15-16
Summer		
HIST A170	History of the United States to 1876	3
	or HIST A170H	or History of the United States to 1876 Honors
	or HIST A175	or History of the United States Since 1876
	or HIST A175H	or History of the United States Since 1876 Honors
Units		3

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Course	Title	Units
Year 2		
Semester 1		
OCC AA GE AREA E2 - CHOOSE ONE ⁴		1
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements) ²		3
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements) ²		3
OCC AA GE AREA B with lab - CHOOSE ONE ⁵		4
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE)		3
Units		14
Semester 2		
OCC AA GE AREA A2 - CHOOSE ONE ⁶		3-4
OCC AA GE AREA E1 - CHOOSE ONE ⁴		0.5-4
OCC AA Global/Multicultural Requirement - CHOOSE ONE ⁷		3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE) ⁸		9
Units		15.5-20
Total Units		60-69

- ¹ OCC AA Area C requires a minimum of 3 units to include one course from C1 and one course from C2
- ² Major Restricted Electives - at least a minimum of nine (9) units are required.
- ³ Math A030 or higher OR take 3-4 degree applicable elective units if math competency was met through completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better; *100-level Math courses satisfy AA Math Requirement and OCC AA GE AREA A2
- ⁴ OCC AA GE AREA E requires a minimum of 3 units to include one course from E1 and one course from E2
- ⁵ OCC AA GE AREA B - 4 units required if taken with lab; 6 units required if lecture only courses
- ⁶ OCC AA GE AREA A2 - Required if 100-level MATH will not be taken to meet Math competency. If MATH A100 or higher will be taken, then needs to take 3-4 degree applicable elective units
- ⁷ OCC AA Global/ Multicultural required if not already taken in other GE areas, refer to AA Graduation Requirement webpage; if requirement is fulfilled by PHIL A120, take degree applicable elective units
- ⁸ VARIES TO REACH MINIMUM 60 DEGREE APPLICABLE UNITS