

Students entering without the MA

Additional Core Courses, Restricted Electives, Elective courses and Sample Program for all students entering without the UGA M.A. in Religion or its Equivalent (all courses chosen only with the approval of the major advisor)

a) Core Courses: 9 hours, to be taken by all students entering without the UGA M.A. or its equivalent regardless of track.

(i) RELI 8770 Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion, 3 hrs. or RELI 7770.

(ii) RELI 7000 Master's Research, 3 hrs

(iii) RELI 7300 Master's Thesis, 3 hrs.

Note: A student would take RELI 7000 and RELI 7300 only if s/he enters without the MA in route to the Ph.D. If the student already possesses the UGA M.A. in Religion or its equivalent, then s/he should register for RELI 9000 and 9300.

b) Restricted Electives: 12 hours of 8000 level courses (excluding directed readings, independent studies; see above for a list of Restricted Electives)

c) Electives: 12 hours minimum, any course offered at UGA that the student can take in order to broaden their expertise in their area with the approval of their advisor.

d) Requirement of the 24 hours of Restricted Electives and Electives, 18 hours must be taken in a major area and 6 hours in a minor area, excluding 7000 level courses, determined with the approval of the major advisor.

Total: 33 hour minimum (students entering without UGA M.A. in Religion or equivalent)

Sample Program of Study of a Student entering the Ph.D. program without a UGA M.A. or its equivalent

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Fall, Year One		
RELI 8700	Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion	3
RELI 8480	Seminar in Problems and Topics in Islamic Studies	3
ARAB 6107	Islamic Arabic I	3
Spring, Year One		
RELI 8700	Seminar in Problems and Topics in Religion Research	3
RELI 6304	The Koran, Sacred Text of Islam	3
ARAB 6108	Islamic Arabic II	3
Fall, Year Two		
RELI (CMLT) 6307	Comparative Islamic Literature	3
RELI 7000	Master's Research	3
RELI 8700	Seminar in Problems and Topics in Religion Research	3
Spring, Year Two		
RELI 7300	Master's Thesis	
RELI 8700	Seminar in Problems and Topics in Religion Research	3
RELI 7771	Teaching Religious Studies	3

Note: Upon completion of such a program (which entails writing an M.A. thesis and receiving the M.A. degree), students will then proceed to follow either Track A or Track B in order to complete the PhD.