

Religion and Public Life (B.A.)

2025-2026 Academic Catalog, Bachelor of Arts – Religion and Public Life

Academic Core for B.A. 60 Hours

CHRISTIAN STUDIES		6
CSBS 1311	Engaging the Old Testament	3
CSBS 1312	Engaging the New Testament	3

ENGLISH		9
ENGL 1321	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
ENGL 1322	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
ENGL	Literature	3

A grade of a "C" or higher is required in ENGL 1321 and ENGL 1322.

EXERCISE & SPORT SCIENCE – SELECT TWO DIFFERENT COURSES		2
EXAC	Activity Course	1
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FINE ARTS – SELECT ONE		3
ARTS 1310	Drawing I	3
ARTS 1320	Design	3
ARTS 1350	Art Appreciation	3
ARTS 2360	Ceramics I	3
COMM 2335	Film Appreciation	3
FINA 2330	Exploring the Fine Arts	3
MUSI 1340	Music Appreciation	3
THEA 2350	Theatre Appreciation	3

FOREIGN LANGUAGE		14
14 semester hours (4 semesters or the equivalent) in one language		14

LAB SCIENCE		4
-	Laboratory Science Course	4

PUBLIC SPEAKING		3
COMM 1320	Public Speaking	3

MATHEMATICS		3
MATH 1304	Survey of Mathematics or higher	3

LITERATURE OR HUMANITIES – SELECT ONE		3
HUMA X3XX	Humanities	3
ENGL 23XX	Literature	3

SOCIAL SCIENCE		3
SOCI 1311	Introduction to Sociology	3

US HISTORY OR US GOVERNMENT – SELECT ONE		3
HIST 2311	American History to 1877	3
HIST 2312	American History since 1877	3
POLS 2305	United States Government	3
POLS 2306	Texas State and Local Government	3

WORLD CULTURES or ANY PHILOSOPHY – SELECT ONE		3
HIST 1311	History of World Civilizations to 1500	3
HIST 1312	History of World Civilizations since 1500	3

WORLD CULTURES		3
PHIL 2315	Introduction to Philosophy	3

FRESHMAN SEMINAR		1
UMHB 1101	Freshman Seminar	1

CHAPEL – 1 to 4 credits		
UMHB 1002	Chapel	

Fine Arts Experience – 2 to 8 credits		
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	

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FOUNDATION COURSES		12
CSTH 3345	Christian Ethics and Social Issues	3
CSCH 3330	Religion in America	3
HIST 4330	History of Church State in the U.S.	3
SOCI 4330	Sociology of Religion	3

ADVANCED COURSES		18
One of the following:		
PHIL 2320	World Religions	3
CSIS 3301	Intercultural Perspectives	3

One of the following:		
CSCH 4380	Women in American Christianity	3
CSCH 4311	Antisemitism, Christianity, and the Holocaust	3
CSCH 3320	Baptists in Black and White	3

One of the following		
HIST 3314	The American South	3
HIST 4325	Contemporary America	3

One of the following		
HIST 3325	History of the American Presidency	3
HIST 4324	Emergence of Modern America	3

One of the following		
HIST 4313	History of Western Political Thought Through the Enlightenment	3
HIST 4314	History of Western Political Thought from the Nineteenth Century to the Present	3

One of the following		
SOCI 3317	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOCI 3340	Social Class and Poverty	3
SOCI 4318	Social Theory	3

CAPSTONE COURSE		1
CCST 4110	RPL Senior Capstone	1

Electives 29 Hours

UPPER LEVEL ELECTIVES		5
You need 5 additional hours to reach your 36 UL required hrs.		

ELECTIVES		24
You need 24 additional hours to reach your 120 required hrs.		

Total Hours		
Academic Core for B.A.		60
Foundation Courses		12
Advanced Courses		18
Capstone Course		1
Upper Level Electives		5
Electives		24
Total hours required for graduation		120

Additional Graduation Requirements		
Minimum total earned hours		120
Minimum Upper Level hours		36
Minimum hours taken at UMHB		30
Minimum Upper Level hours taken at UMHB		24
Minimum cumulative GPA		2.00

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FRESHMAN FALL **14 Hours**

CSBS 1311	Engaging the Old Testament	3
COMM 1320	Public Speaking	3
ENGL 1321	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
MATH	1304 or higher	3
EXAC	Activity Course	1
UMHB 1101	First Year Seminar	1
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0

FRESHMAN SPRING **16 Hours**

CSBS 1312	Engaging the New Testament	3
ENGL 1322	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
PHIL 2315	Introduction to Philosophy	3
	Lab Science	4
	US History or US Government	3
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0

SOPHOMORE FALL **16 Hours**

ENGL	Literature	3
	Foreign Language I	4
CSCH 3330	Religion in America	3
	HIST 1311 or HIST 1312	3
SOCI 1311	Intro to Sociology	3
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0

SOPHOMORE SPRING **16 Hours**

CSTH 3345	Christian Ethics and Social Issues	3
	PHIL 2320 or CSIS 3301	3
	Foreign Language II	4
	Fine Arts	3
	SOCI 3317, SOCI 3340 or SOCI 4318	3
UMHB 1002	Chapel	0
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0

JUNIOR FALL **16 Hours**

	Foreign Language III	3
HIST 4330	History of Church and State in the US	3
	Literature or Humanities	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
EXAC	Activity Course	1
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0

JUNIOR SPRING **15 Hours**

	Foreign Language IV	3
	CSCH 4380, CSCH 4311 or CSCH 3320	3
	HIST 3325 or HIST 4324	3
SOCI 4330	Sociology of Religion	3
	Elective	3
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0

SENIOR FALL **14 Hours**

	HIST 3314 or HIST 4325	3
	HIST 4313 or HIST 4314	3
	Elective	3
	UL Elective	3
	UL Elective	2
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0

SENIOR SPRING **13 Hours**

CCST 4110	RPL Senior Capstone	1
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
UMHB 1005	Fine Arts Experience	0