Suggested Course Sequence for students focusing on Religious Studies (BA, Liberal Arts)

Students majoring in Liberal Arts design their own program and may pursue a guided area of study in religious studies. They may choose to focus on religious studies as a whole or to identify an area of interest, e.g. religion and social change, religious art, Buddhist studies, anthropological approaches to religion, women and religion, or mysticism and philosophy.

All students must complete an academic major. Completion of any major requires a minimum of 13 courses. Students interested in an interdisciplinary program in religious studies, which leads to a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts, are encouraged to consult with their advisor and the director of the Religious Studies program before their junior year. They may pursue the suggested course sequence below or design their own program of study in consultation with a faculty advisor.

Suggested course sequence for students interested in religious studies:

- Seven Religious Studies courses of which four should be 3000 or higher, not including the core course.

- One Core Course: LREL 3004 Theorizing Religion

- Four courses outside Religious Studies chosen in consultation with the director

- One Senior Capstone, chosen from the two options listed below. See the Senior Capstone guidelines pdf at the Religious Studies program page at Lang’s website. For more general information, see the Advising page about the Senior Capstone experience.
  
  o Individual Independent Project
  o A Relevant MA-level Course, subject to instructor approval

By the end of junior year, students are expected to have defined a “field of special competence” that draws from courses both in and outside the program. These must be chosen with the approval of the director. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in all courses taken to meet the requirements for the Liberal Arts major.