



**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
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**Bachelor of Liberal Studies**  
**Major in Liberal Studies with a concentration in**  
**RELIGION IN SOCIETY**

### **Persons Served by These Guidelines**

These guidelines are designed to serve persons who are interested in the study of religion and who want to work within some type of religious organization. They will want to gain an historical understanding of the place of religion in society as well as an understanding of the social and individual dimensions of religious experience. They will also want to study various religious belief systems from an academic perspective. Persons who want to serve in religious organizations will use these guidelines to gain practical skills. Graduates of this program will often enter graduate study in religion and receive further preparation for careers in religious organizations as leaders, administrators, directors of education, counselors, teachers, social workers or youth directors.

### **Program Summary**

General Education	35-41 hours
Coordinated Study	60 hours
College Requirements	9 hours
Electives	<u>9-16</u> hours
<b>Minimum Number of Required Hours</b>	<b>120 hours*</b>

- \*Students must complete at least 60 hours from a 4 year institution.
- \*Students must complete at least 42 hours of upper division credit (3000 – 4000).
- \*Students must complete at least 30 of last 60 hours through The University of Memphis.
- \* Students must complete at least 9 graded hours in the major at The University of Memphis.

*The University of Memphis is one of 46 institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the seventh largest system of higher education in the nation .It is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action university committed to education of a non-racially identified student body.*

## Detailed Program Summary

### **I. General Education - 35-41 hours**

Students must complete the 35-41 hours of general education requirements as outlined in the attached general education grid. Please refer to the *Undergraduate Bulletin* section on "Graduation from the University" for a list of specific classes that will meet the General Education requirements. <http://www.memphis.edu/ugcatalog/>  
Students with majors in University College are exempt from the "American Heritage" general education requirements if they completed one year of American History in high school.

### **II. Coordinated Study/Interdisciplinary Major – 60 hours**

#### **A. Core Courses – 15 hours required**

ANTH 4253	Anthropology of Religion
PHIL 3701	Human and the Divine
SOCI 3860	Sociology of Religion
JDST 2850	Religions of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, Islam
UNIV 3581	Faith, Reason, and Imagination

#### **B. Context Courses – 21 hours – Choose at least one course from each category**

##### **1. Religious Perspectives and Society:**

HIST 3273, Islamic Civilization  
HIST 3274, Modern Islamic World  
HIST 3275, History of the Jewish People  
HIST 4361, History of the Byzantine Empire  
HIST 4371, Early Middle Ages  
HIST 4372, The High Middle Ages  
HIST 4390, Europe in the Age of the Reformation  
HIST 4882, Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. since 1930  
JDST 3601, Judaism  
JDST 3801, Jewish Thought I  
JDST 3802, Jewish Thought II  
PHIL 3702, Philosophy of Religion  
PHIL 3721, Oriental Philosophy  
POLS 3102, Religion and Politics

##### **2. Arts & Literature:**

ARTH 4130, Art of the Medieval World  
ARTH 4143, Art of High Renaissance Italy  
ARTH 4181, Traditional Arts of Africa, Oceania, and North America  
CLAS 248, Mythology  
ENGL 4461, Bible as Literature  
MUSA 4104, Sacred Music in History and Practice I  
MUSA 4105, Sacred Music in History and Practice II  
UNIV 3580, Hebrew and Greek Legacy

##### **3. Individual Development:**

PSYC 3101, Psychology of Personality  
PSYC 3102, Abnormal Psychology  
PSYC 3103, Child Psychology  
PSYC 3104, Adult Psychology  
PSYC 3106, Social Psychology  
SOCI 3701, Individual and Society  
Note that PSYC 1200 is a prerequisite for all upper division psychology classes

4. **Individual in Society:**  
 ANTH 3511, Culture, Kin and Family  
 CJUS 3540, Criminology  
 HIST 4851, History of Women in America  
 HIST 3881, African American History (formally HIST 4881)  
 PHIL 3411, Contemporary Moral Problems  
 SOCI 3422, Ethnic Minorities  
 SOCI 3432, Sociology of Gender  
 SOCI 3831, Marriage and Family  
 SOCI 4460, Black and White Women in the South  
 SOCI 4541, Sociology of Aging  
 SOCI 4923, Social Institutions and the Life Cycle
  
5. **Urban Society:**  
 ANTH 4411, Urban Anthropology  
 ANTH 4412, Neighborhood Development  
 HIST 4871, United States Urban History  
 SOCI 4442, Sociology of Poverty  
 SOCI 4631, Cities in Change  
 UNIV 3527, Making the Humane City (6 hours)

**C. Skills for Service – 18 hours – Choose at least one course from each category**

1. **Administrative Skills:**  
 ACCT 2010, Fundamentals of Accounting I  
 MIS 2749, Introduction to Business Microcomputer Applications  
 MGMT 3110, Organization and Management  
 MKTG 3010, Principles of Marketing  
 POLS or PADM 3601, Public Administration  
 PADM 4226, Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations  
 SOCI 3311, Social Statistics
  
2. **Counseling:**  
 COUN 4611, Introduction to Counseling  
 COUN 4781, Strategies for Crisis Intervention  
 COUN 4783, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services \*  
 \*Students may want to take PSYC 3507 Alcohol, Drugs and Behavior concurrently
  
3. **Education:**  
 COUN 4621, Human Interactions  
 EDPR 2111, Development Across the Life Span  
 EDPR 3302, Child and Adolescent Development  
 EDSV 3350, The Adult Learner  
 EDSV 4350, Instructional Development for Training  
 HPRO 4401, Death and Dying Education  
 SLS 3305, Leisure and Recreation Program Development  
 SLS 3905, Leisure and Recreation for People with Disabilities
  
4. **Communication:**  
 COMM 4011, Communication in Organizations  
 COMM 4341, Interpersonal Communication  
 COMM 4342, Small Group Communication  
 COMM 4373, Interracial Communication  
 ENGL 3601, Technical and Professional Writing  
 ENGL 3604, Persuasive Writing

**D. Internship** – 6 hours

UNIV 4110, Internship or

UNIV 3900, Advanced Experiential Learning

(For prior learning, credit may be awarded for learning relevant to the major area of study based on assessment of an Experiential Learning portfolio that describes and documents the learning experiences. <http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/experiential-learning.php>)

**III. College Requirements** (9 hours)

**A. Thematic Studies** (6 hours)

Any UNIV 3500-3599 or UNIV 4500-4599 or CSED 4300, CSED 4205 or PHIL 351

Students complete a total of 6 hours in a University College thematic studies course(s) of their choosing. These courses are designed to broaden a student's knowledge of significant themes in social, political, and religious history. Only specifically designated courses will meet this requirement. For a complete list of courses:

[http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/courseinfo/thematic\\_studies.php](http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/courseinfo/thematic_studies.php)

**B. Senior Project** (3 hours)

UNIV 4995      Senior Project                                      3 hours

The senior project is a student's culminating experience or capstone designed to synthesize and integrate the content of a student's program of study. The senior project is intended to fuse together the two or more academic areas that comprise the coordinated study (major) into an academically-relevant example of scholarship. Students will complete a thesis, task-based, or artistic project on a topic of their choice with approval of their senior project instructor.

The Senior Project is completed during a student's final semester. For information on the Senior Project: [http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/senior\\_project.php](http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/senior_project.php)

**ALL** Sections of UNIV 4995 are taught online either through the Regents Online Degree Program or U of M Online. Students will be assigned to a section based on the topic they select. RODP sections have an additional fee.

Many upper-division (3000/4000-level) courses have prerequisites that must be met prior to being permitted to register for those courses. You are responsible for knowing and satisfying all course prerequisites. For specific information about courses and the prerequisites they may have, please view course descriptions at:

<http://www.memphis.edu/ugcatalog/coursedescrip/index.php>.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Required Courses	Course	Semester	Grade	Hours
<b>English Composition (6 hours):</b>				
ENGL 1010 (minimum C) (3 hours)				
ENGL 1020 (minimum C) (3hours)				
<b>Oral Communication and Rhetoric (3 hours):</b>				
COMM 2381 Oral Communication (3 hours)				
<b>Mathematics (3 hours):</b> pick any one of the following MATH 1420, 1530, 1710, 1730, 1830, 1910				
<b>Humanities (9 hours):</b>				
1. Literature Course – ENGL 2201 or ENGL 2202 (3 hours)				
2.				
3.				
<b>Social Science (6 hours):</b>				
1.				
2.				
<b>Natural Science (8 hours):</b>				
1.				
2.				
<b>Total General Education Hours Required</b>	<b>35-41*</b>			

Refer to “Graduation from the University, General Education” in the Undergraduate Bulletin for courses which meet the above requirements. <http://academics.memphis.edu/bulletin/>

Consult the UC college advisors or faculty advisors if you have any questions about transfer credit equivalencies.

Needs to take American Heritage Requirement: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

University College students are *exempt* from the American Heritage requirement as long as they have completed one year of American History in high school.

Remedial/developmental courses to complete: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list courses here:

High School Deficiencies to complete: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list courses here:

## B.L.S. in Religion in Society

Required Courses	Course	Semester	Grade	Hours
<b>II. Coordinated Study</b> (60 hrs) A minimum grade of “C –“required in each course and a minimum GPA of 2.25 is required in the coordinated study. A minimum overall and U of M 2.00 GPA is required for graduation.				
<b>A. CORE COURSES:</b> (15 hrs) ANTH 4253 PHIL 3701 SOCI 3860 JDST 2850 UNIV 3581	<b>ANTH 4253</b>			
	<b>PHIL 3701</b>			
	<b>SOCI 3860</b>			
	<b>JDST 2850</b>			
	<b>UNIV 3581</b>			
<b>B. Take at least one class from each of the following groups: (21 hrs)</b>				
<b>1. Religious Perspectives and Society:</b> HIST 3273, HIST 3274, HIST 3275, HIST 4361, HIST 4371, HIST 4372, HIST 4390, HIST 4882, JDST 3601, JDST 3801, JDST 3802, PHIL 3702, PHIL 3721, POLS 3102				
<b>2. Arts and Literature:</b> ARTH 4130, ARTH 4143, ARTH 4181, CLAS 2481, ENGL 4461, MUSA 4104, MUSA 4105, UNIV 3580				
<b>3. Individual Development:</b> PSYC 3101, PSYC 3102, PSYC 3103, PSYC 3104, PSYC 3106, SOCI 3701				
<b>4. The Individual in Society:</b> ANTH 3511, CJUS 3540, HIST 4851, HIST 3881, PHIL 3411, SOCI 3422, SOCI 3432, SOCI 3831, SOCI 4460, SOCI 4541, SOCI 4923				
<b>5. Urban Society:</b> ANTH 4411, ANTH 4412, HIST 4871, SOCI 4442, SOCI 4631, UNIV 3527				
<b>C. Skills for Service – 18 hrs – Choose at least one from each group</b>				
<b>1. Administrative Skills:</b> ACCT 2010, MIS 2749, MGMT 3110, MKTG 3010, POLS 3601, PADM 4226, SOCI 3311				
<b>2. Counseling:</b> COUN 4611, COUN 4781, COUN 4783				
<b>3. Education:</b> COUN4621, EDPR 2111, EDPR 3302, EDSV 3350, EDSV 4350, HPRO 4401, SLS 3305, SLS 3905				
<b>4. Communication:</b> COMM 4011, COMM 4341, COMM 4342, COMM 4373, ENGL 3601, ENGL 3604				
<b>D. Internship</b> (6 hrs) UNIV 4110 Internship UNIV 3900 Advanced Experiential Learning				
<b>III. College Requirements</b>				
<b>A. Thematic Studies</b> (6 hrs) UNIV 3500-3599, UNIV 4500-4599, CSED 4205, CSED 4300, CSED 4304 or PHIL 3514				
<b>B. Senior Project</b> (3 hrs) UNIV 4995 – Senior Project (final semester)				
<b>UNIV 4995</b>				
<b>III. General Electives:</b> Students must take enough elective hours to reach a minimum of 120 total earned hours				

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS / UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ Earn a minimum of 120 semester-hours.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete all required coursework in General Education, Major Concentration, College Requirements, and Electives with the minimum required grade. Students must successfully complete courses listed in the coordinated study or interdisciplinary studies major and the Senior Project with a C- or better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must have an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 including academic work at other colleges, a minimum University of Memphis GPA of 2.0, and a GPA of at least 2.25 or a 2.0 for RODP students in the Major Concentration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least 30 of the last 60 semester-hours of your degree program must be earned from the University of Memphis.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least 60 semester-hours of your degree program must be taken at a four-year institution.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least 42 (45 hours for RODP students) semester-hours of upper-division coursework are required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must earn at least nine graded hours in the major at the University of Memphis.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must complete a preliminary graduation checkout appointment with their advisor the semester prior to graduation by the published deadline. Students cannot file for graduation until they have completed a preliminary graduation checkout.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Apply for graduation one semester before you plan to graduate. See the University College graduation website for deadlines and filing instructions at <http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/graduationinfo.php>. It is the student's responsibility to know and meet all deadlines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students may be randomly selected to take the Senior Test. If you are required to take this exam, you will be contacted. **Note:** RODP and other distance students are exempt from this test. Contact your University College advisor or graduation analyst about other possible exemptions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete all other requirements specified in your concentration such as, but not limited to, the posting of experiential learning and transfer credit, completion of internship hours which includes signed evaluation forms and log of hours, and oral presentations of performance-based senior projects.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students who are hoping to earn credit from an experiential learning portfolio must submit the portfolio as soon as possible after being accepted into University College. The portfolio review process can take up to six months. Portfolios must be evaluated before a student can receive a permit for UNIV 4995, Senior Project, and before a student can file the Intent to Graduate Form. Any required credit must be posted to your University of Memphis transcript before the graduation certification deadline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All course substitutions must have prior approval from your academic college advisor.  
<http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/forms.php>
- \_\_\_\_\_ An incomplete grade "I" must be changed to a final grade by the graduation certification deadline. If this change does not occur, you will be required to re-file your intent to graduate for the next semester.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students must visit the University of Memphis commencement website at <http://saweb.memphis.edu/commencement/> and complete the required forms for graduation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students who DO NOT meet all graduation requirements will be notified by e-mail through their University of Memphis e-mail account.

**Participating in any commencement ceremony does not equal graduation from the University of Memphis. Degrees are only awarded once all graduation requirements are fulfilled.**

**I understand that it is my (the student's) responsibility to know and meet all graduation requirements and deadlines. Failure to meet any requirement will result in my being disqualified from graduation, and I must re-file my Intent to Graduate Form for the next semester. Also, if I decide to postpone my graduation, I must re-file my intent to graduate for the intended semester.**  
<http://www.memphis.edu/univcoll/graduationinfo.php>

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_