

FIRST YEAR STUDENT ADVISING SHEET

MAJOR: **Religious Studies**

COURSES REQUIRED BY THE MAJOR

First Semester

- Any 100 or 200-level course (see note 2)

OR

- A language (see note 3)

Second Semester

- Any 200-level course (see note 2)

OR

- A language (see note 3)

NOTES:

1. There are no specific course requirements for first year students. Students should select courses from the 100- and 200-level offerings. Note that students need to select an area of concentration. The department does offer focused concentrations in Asian Studies, Biblical Studies, Ethics and Society, History of Christianity, or Ministry Studies, as well as the general Religious Studies major. Concentration declarations do not need to be declared in a students' first year, but it is recommended before the end of their second year.
2. The 200-level courses are prerequisites for upper-level courses. If students know what area they want to choose as a concentration, they should take the 200-level prerequisite in their first year.
3. Majors in some concentrations are required to take two semesters of an ancient language (e.g., Biblical Hebrew or Koine Greek for the biblical studies concentration, or Sanskrit for the Asian religions concentration) or a modern language (e.g., French, German, Japanese, or Spanish). Beginning a language in their first year will enable students to do upper-level work in that language. If students know what area they want to choose as a concentration, they should take a language as specified in the college catalog for each concentration.

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