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Degree Timeline – Graduate Program in Religious Studies – Master of Arts in Religion

	Term	Required Courses	Elective Courses	Other Requirements
Year 1	Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RELI 6301 – The Philosophical Study of Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 elective courses (9 course hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (August) Take Language Exam
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RELI 6302 – Approaches to Asian Religions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 elective courses (9 course hours)	
	Summer			
Year 2	Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RELI 6303 – History, Theory, and Method in Religious Studies		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of the Thesis Proposal• Admission to Candidacy for Degree
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RELI 6304 – Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Religion		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and Write the Thesis• (April) Thesis Approved by the Thesis Committee• (May) Graduation