



Degree Timeline – Graduate Program in Religious Studies – Doctor of Philosophy

	Term	Required Courses	Electives	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 First Language Exam • (November) Submit Draft of Plan of Study
	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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (March) Submit Plan of Study
	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"> • 3 elective courses (9 course hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (August) Take Second Language Exam*
	Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RELI 6304 – Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Religion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 elective courses (9 course hours) 	
	Summer			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass four Comprehensive Field Exams sometime in the previous four terms.
Year 3	Fall			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (November) Approval of the Dissertation Proposal
	Spring			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to Candidacy for Degree (ABD Status) • Begin Researching and Writing the Dissertation
	Summer			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching and Writing the Dissertation

* Students in the fields of Hebrew Bible and New Testament have four language exams, including Hebrew and Greek. This requirement affects the deadlines for certain other requirements in their plans of study. See “The GPRS Handbook” for further information.



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Year 4	Fall			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researching and Writing the Dissertation.
	Spring			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researching and Writing the Dissertation.
	Summer			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete two Teaching Assistantships and two Research Assistantships sometime during the previous eleven terms.• Writing the Dissertation.
Year 5	Fall			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Practice Teaching Requirement sometime during the previous six terms.• Writing the Dissertation.
	Spring			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Writing of the Dissertation• (April) Pass Oral Defense of the Dissertation• (May) Graduation