Religious Studies
Applicable to students admitted in 2023-24

Major Programme Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 69 units of courses as follows:

		Units
1.	Faculty Package: CURE1110 and any two courses from: ANTH1020, ARTS1004, 1005, 1009, 1010, BMBL1001, CHES1100, CHLL1900 or 1902 or 1903, CURE1000, 1400[CUMT1000], ENGE1000, FAAS1900, HIST1000, 1700 or 1701, JASP1090, LING1000, MUSC1000, PHIL1110, THEO1000, TRAN1000	9
2.	Required Courses:	27
(a)	CURE1111, 1122, 1123, 2157, 2170	
(b)	One course from the following selected courses from Area 1: CURE2113, 2114, 2115, 3375	
(c)	One course from the following selected courses from Area 2: CURE1124, 2161, 2225, 2226, 2227	
(d)	One course from the following selected courses from Area 4: CURE2154, 2155, 2180, THEO3215, 3217	
(e)	One Capstone course from the following selected courses from Area 5: CURE4153, 4159	
3.	Elective Courses:	33
(a)	Nine courses at 2000 or above level from the Religious Studies Areas[a][b]	
(b)	Two courses from the Cultural Studies Areas[a][c]	

Concentrations

Students may choose to declare a concentration by taking the following elective courses [a] in place of 3 "Elective Courses" above:

Religion and Culture

(a) Two courses from CURE1009, 1010, 2001*[1001], 2006*[1006]
(b) Nine CURE courses at 2000 or above level, of which at least two courses are from the Cultural Studies Areas[c] and at least seven courses are from the Religious Studies Areas

Religious Education

(a) 6 units of EDUC courses at 2000 and above level from Educational Core Component offered by the Faculty of Education
(b) CURE2142, 2144, 3144
(c) Two courses from CURE2131, 3134, THEO1211, 1212
(d) Four CURE courses at 2000 or above level from the Religious Studies Areas

Arab Studies

(a) CURE2226, 2228
(b) 6 units of language courses:
  (i) CURE2180 or ARAB1000, and CURE2181; OR
  (ii) ARAB2050
(c) Four courses from CURE3114, 3129, 3376, 3378, 4157, 4158
(d) Three CURE courses at 2000 or above level from the Religious Studies Areas (except CURE2180 and 2181)

Total: 69

Explanatory Notes:

1. ARAB, CURE, EDUC and THEO courses at 2000 and above level (except those marked with *) as included in the respective concentrations will be included in the calculation of Major GPA for honours classification for students specialize in the relevant concentrations.
2. Courses counted towards the fulfillment of one of the above listed requirements cannot be used to fulfill concentration requirements.

[a] Excluding the courses taken to fulfil requirement 1 and 2 above.

[b] For students not specialising in any concentration, apart from the THEO courses listed in the course list, students may take other THEO courses, subject to a maximum of five THEO courses, as their elective courses to fulfill requirement 3(a).

[c] For Cultural Studies Areas courses, please refer to the course list of Cultural Studies Programme.

[ ] Old course code used in 2024-25 and before.

	Recommended Course Pattern	Units
First Year of Attendance	1st term Faculty Package: CURE1110 and/ or 1-2 Faculty Package course(s) Major Required: CURE1123 Major Elective(s):	 3-9 3
	2nd term Faculty Package: 1-2 Faculty Package course(s) Major Required: CURE1111 and 1 course from CURE1124, 2161, 2225, 2226, 2227 Major Elective(s):	 3-6 6
Second Year of Attendance	1st term Major Required: CURE1122 and 1 course from CURE2113, 2114, 2115, 3375 Major Elective(s):	 6
	2nd term Major Required: CURE2157, 2170 Major Elective(s):	 6
Third Year of Attendance	1st term Major Required: 1 course from CURE2154, 2155, 2180, THEO3215, 3217 Major Elective(s): 3 courses	 3 9
	2nd term Major Required: Major Elective(s): 3 courses	 9
Fourth Year of Attendance	1st term Major Required: CURE4153 or CURE4159 Major Elective(s): 3 courses	 3-6 9
	2nd term Major Required: Major Elective(s): 3 courses	 3 9
	Total (including Faculty Package):	**69**

Major Programme Requirement (for Associate Degree or Higher Diploma holders admitted to senior-year places)

Students are required to complete a minimum of 51 units of courses as follows:

		Units
1.	Required Courses:	
(a)	CURE1111, 2170	6
(b)	Three courses from CURE1124, 2161, 2225, 2226, 2227	9
(c)	One course from CURE2113, 2114, 2115, 3375	3
(d)	One Capstone course from: CURE4153, 4159	3
2.	Elective Courses: Ten CURE courses at 2000 or above level from the Religious Studies Areas	30
	Total:	**51**

Explanatory Note:

1. CURE courses at 2000 and above level will be included in the calculation of Major GPA for honours classification.

	Recommended Course Pattern (for Associate Degree or Higher Diploma holders admitted to senior-year places)	Units
First Year of Attendance	1st term	
	Major Required: CURE1111 and 1 course from CURE1124, 2161, 2225, 2226, 2227	6
	Major Elective(s): 3 courses	9
	2nd term	
	Major Required: CURE2170 and 1 course from CURE1124, 2161, 2225, 2226, 2227	6
	Major Elective(s): 2 courses	6
Second Year of Attendance	1st term	
	Major Required: 1 course from CURE1124, 2161, 2225, 2226, 2227 and 1 course from CURE2113, 2114, 2115, 3375	6
	Major Required: CURE4153 or CURE4159	3-6
	Major Elective(s): 2 courses	6
	2nd term	
	Major Required:	3
	Major Elective(s) 3 courses	9
	Total:	**51**

Minor Programme Title

Arab Studies

Minor Programme Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 18 units of courses, with at least 6 units at 3000 or above level as follows:

		Units
1.	Required Courses:	
(a)	CURE2226, 2228	6
(b)	Language Requirement:	6
	(i) CURE2180 or ARAB1000, and CURE2181; OR	
	(ii) ARAB2050	
2.	Elective Courses: Two courses from the following:	6

CURE3114, 3129, 3376, 3378, 4157, 4158

Total: 18

Explanatory Note:

1. This Minor Programme is not applicable to students who major in Cultural Studies, Religious Studies, and Theology.

Minor Programme Title

Religious Studies

Minor Programme Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 18 units of courses as follows:

		Units
1.	Required Courses: CURE1111, 1123	6
2.	Elective Courses: Four CURE courses at 2000 or above level from the Religious Studies Areas, of which at least two courses are at 3000 or above level	12
	Total:	**18**

Course List

Course Code	*Course Title*	*Unit(s)*
Religious Studies Area 1: Approaches to Religious Studies		
CURE1111	The Study of Religion	3
CURE2112	Myth, Symbol and Ritual	3
CURE2113	Philosophy of Religion	3
CURE2114	Sociology of Religion	3
CURE2115	Psychology of Religion	3
CURE2170	Reading Religious Classics	3
CURE3375	Science and Religion	3
Religious Studies Area 2: Religious Traditions and Classics		
CURE1123	World Religions	3
CURE3132	Religious Texts in Translation	3
CURE4157	Special Topics in Religion, Culture and Heritage	3
- **Buddhism**		
CURE2130	Chinese Buddhist Classics	3
CURE2161	Introduction to Buddhism	3
CURE3122	Chinese Buddhism	3
CURE4121	Chan School of Buddhism	3
- **Chinese Religions**		
CURE1122	Chinese Culture and Its Religion	3
CURE2375	Chinese Temples and Festivals	3
CURE3126	Popular Religions in China	3
CURE3136	Chinese Novels and Religion	3
- **Christianity**		
CURE1124	Study of Christianity	3
CURE2131	Christianity and Western Literature	3
CURE3134	Chinese Literature and the Bible	3

THEO1211	Introduction to Hebrew Bible	3
THEO1212	Introduction to New Testament	3
- **Indian Religions**		
CURE2225	Introduction to Indian Religions	3
CURE3377	Fieldwork in Indian Religions and Culture	3
- **Islam**		
CURE2226	Introduction to Islam	3
CURE3114	Islamic Scriptures: The Qur'an and Traditions of Muhammad	3
CURE3378	Fieldwork in Islamic Culture and Religion	3
- **Taoism**		
CURE2139	Introduction to Taoist Literature	3
CURE2125	Hong Kong Taoism	3
CURE2227	Introduction to Taoism	3
CURE4134	Selected Taoist Classics	3
Religious Studies Area 3: Religion, Culture and Society		
CURE4158	Special Topics in Religion, Society and Contemporary Issues	3
- **Culture and Society**		
CURE1110	Religion and Contemporary Life	3
CURE2145	New Religious Movements	3
CURE2160	Special Topics in Religion and Culture	3
CURE2163	Religion and Food	3
CURE2164	Gender and Sexuality in Religions	3
CURE2228	Religious Traditions and Politics of the Arab World	3
CURE2377	Religions, Violence and Peace	3
CURE3116	Religion and Globalization	3
CURE3129	Islam: Religious Tradition and Modern Politics	3
CURE3130	Religious Imagination and Visual Art	3
CURE3142	The Religious Policy and Practices in China Today	3
CURE3145	Buddhism and Contemporary Life	3
CURE3376	Religious Fundamentalism and Asian Cultures	3
- **Education**		
CURE2142	Religion and Ethics	3
CURE2144	Life and Death in Religions	3
CURE2156[3166]	Religion, Health and Healing	3
CURE3115	Religious Education and Developmental Psychology	3
CURE3144	Spirituality, Psychology and Well-Being	3
CURE3147	Religion and Mental Health Care	3
Religious Studies Area 4: Classical Languages		
CURE2154	Foundational Medieval Latin	3
CURE2155	Beginning Sanskrit	3
CURE2165	Intermediate Latin	3
CURE2166	Latin for Law, Social Sciences and Humanities	3
CURE2167	Latin for Science and Medicine	3
CURE2180	Arabic for Beginners I	3
CURE2181	Arabic for Beginners II	3
THEO3215	New Testament Greek I	3
THEO3216	New Testament Greek II	3
THEO3217	Biblical Hebrew I	3
THEO3218	Biblical Hebrew II	3
Religious Studies Area 5: Seminars		
CURE2157	Intermediate Seminar	3

CURE4153	Senior Seminar	3
CURE4159	Internship	3

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