

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Banner Code: 1_AA_RLST
Financial Aid Eligible

The Religious Studies program at Orange Coast College is designed to provide students with a broad introduction to the academic study of religion. Students transferring to Religious Studies programs at four-year colleges will have a strong background for upper division work in the major. Non-majors will find most Religious Studies fulfill area requirements for AA and transfer degrees.

Program Outcome

Students will be able to analyze dimensions of various religions utilizing methodologies appropriate to the academic study of religion.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/>).

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
RLST A100	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
RLST A110	World Religion	3
RLST/PHIL A115	Philosophy of Religion	3
<i>Restricted Electives</i>		
Select a minimum of nine units of the following:		9
ENGL A141	The Bible As Literature	
or ENGL A141H	The Bible As Literature Honors	
PHIL A120	Ethics	
RLST A135	Religion, Spirituality and Society	
RLST A150	Eastern Thought	
RLST A151	Early and Western Religions	
Program Major Units		18
AA General Education Option 1, 2, or 3		Varies
Transferable electives as needed to satisfy unit requirement		Varies
Total Units		60

Program Sequence

These sequences at Orange Coast College are general course curriculum maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. The course sequence may include course prerequisites and other placement requirements. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Semester 1		
RLST A100	Introduction to Religious Studies	3

Course	Title	Units
RLST A110	World Religion	3
OCC AA GE AREA A1 - CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AA GE AREA D2 - CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AA GE AREA C2 - CHOOSE ONE ¹		0.5-4
Units		12.5-16
Semester 2		
RLST A115	Philosophy of Religion	3
or PHIL A115	or Philosophy of Religion	
PSCI A180	American Government	3
or PSCI A180H	or American Government Honors	
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements) ²		3
OCC AA GE AREA D3 - CHOOSE ONE		3
Select one of the following or satisfy Math competency (completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better):		3-4
MATH A030	Intermediate Algebra ³	
or MATH A045	or Combined Elementary and Intermediate Algebra	
Units		15-16
Summer		
HIST A170	History of the United States to 1876	3
or HIST A170H	or History of the United States to 1876 Honors	
or HIST A175	or History of the United States Since 1876	
or HIST A175H	or History of the United States Since 1876 Honors	
Units		3
Year 2		
Semester 1		
OCC AA GE AREA E2 - CHOOSE ONE ⁴		1
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements) ²		3
RESTRICTED ELECTIVE - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements) ²		3
OCC AA GE AREA B with lab - CHOOSE ONE ⁵		4
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE)		3
Units		14
Semester 2		
OCC AA GE AREA A2 - CHOOSE ONE ⁶		3-4
OCC AA GE AREA E1 - CHOOSE ONE ⁴		0.5-4
OCC AA Global/Multicultural Requirement - CHOOSE ONE ⁷		3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE) ⁸		9
Units		15.5-20
Total Units		60-69

¹ OCC AA Area C requires a minimum of 3 units to include one course from C1 and one course from C2

² Major Restricted Electives - at least a minimum of nine (9) units are required.

³ Math A030 or higher OR take 3-4 degree applicable elective units if math competency was met through completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better; *100-level Math courses satisfy AA Math Requirement and OCC AA GE AREA A2

⁴ OCC AA GE AREA E requires a minimum of 3 units to include one course from E1 and one course from E2

⁵ OCC AA GE AREA B - 4 units required if taken with lab; 6 units required if lecture only courses

⁶ OCC AA GE AREA A2 - Required if 100-level MATH will not be taken to meet Math competency. If MATH A100 or higher will be taken, then needs to take 3-4 degree applicable elective units

⁷ OCC AA Global/ Multicultural required if not already taken in other GE areas, refer to AA Graduation Requirement webpage; if requirement is fulfilled by PHIL A120, take degree applicable elective units

⁸ VARIES TO REACH MINIMUM 60 DEGREE APPLICABLE UNITS