RELIGIOUS STUDIES PHD

Degree Requirements
The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/).

Master's
The Department of Religion does not admit students to a terminal master of arts program. However, PhD students in good standing are awarded the MA after they have met the following criteria:

- 5 quarters of residency
- successful completion of the two-quarter Religion research paper (RELIGION 570-1 Research Seminar, RELIGION 570-2 Research Seminar)
- 11 other courses graded ABC/NC

Note: Students whose second department’s curriculum makes RELIGION 570-1 Research Seminar, RELIGION 570-2 Research Seminar impossible may petition for an oral examination in lieu of paper but must have a total of 13 ABC/NC courses.

PhD
Total Units Required: 16

* including introductory graduate sequence during the first year

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Other PhD Degree Requirements
- **Language examination**: demonstration of proficiency in at least one foreign language; more may be necessary for a particular area
- **Examinations**: upon completion of coursework, written and oral comprehensive examinations
- **Research/Projects**: as required by dissertation
- **PhD Dissertation**: based on original, independent research
- **Final Evaluation**: oral defense of dissertation