

# Religious Studies and Africana Studies, BA (Boston)

The Department of Philosophy and Religion and the Program in Africana Studies offer an interdisciplinary combined major in religious studies and Africana studies. Students interested in the combined major integrate the study of religious traditions, religious praxis, and religious ethics with critical and systematic examination of the cultural, political, social, economic, and historical experiences of African Americans throughout the hemisphere and peoples of African descent around the world.

## Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

## Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

## BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

## NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

## Religious Studies Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Foundational Course</b>		
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religious Studies	4
<b>Lived Religion Elective</b>		
Complete one of the following courses that is not used to satisfy another requirement:		4
PHIL 1133	Selling Spirituality	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2230	Music and Religion	
PHIL 2390	Cults and Sects	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
or AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	
PHIL 3512	Religion, Race, and Politics	
<b>Comparative Religion Elective</b>		
Complete one of the following courses that is not used to satisfy another requirement:		4
PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1220	The Meaning of Death	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 1667	Science Fiction and Film: Moral Dilemmas and Ethical Analysis	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
or AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life	

**Electives**

Complete five of the following courses, one of which must be 2000-level or above and another one of which must be 3000-level or above, that is not used to satisfy another requirement: 20

PHIL 1111	Introduction to World Religions
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion
PHIL 1120	Understanding the Bible
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics
PHIL 1133	Selling Spirituality
PHIL 1260	Apocalypticism in Film
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates
PHIL 1285	Jewish Religion and Culture
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion
PHIL 2390	Cults and Sects
PHIL 2619 or AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film Race and Religion in Film
PHIL 3100	The Religious Worlds of Boston: Faith and Devotion in Urban Life
PHIL 3512	Religion, Race, and Politics
PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion
PHIL 4992	Directed Study

**Capstone**

Complete the following course that is not used to satisfy another requirement:

PHIL 4903	Seminar in Religion	4
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**Africana Studies Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introduction to Africana Studies</b>		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 1140	Introduction to African-American History	
AFCS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
AFCS 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
AFCS 3305	Beyond the Binary: Race, Sex, and Science	
AFCS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
AFCS 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFCS 5544	Seminar in Black Leadership	
<b>Exploring Intellectual Traditions and Cultural Production</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFCS 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 2455	American Women Writers	
AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
AFCS 2690	Boston in Literature	
AFCS 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
AFCS 4588	Literature in Context	

**Understanding Society and Social Movements**

Complete two of the following: 8

AFCS 1261	Global Caribbean	
AFCS 2318	New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience	
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	
AFCS 2330	Afro-Latin American Studies	
AFCS 2337	African American History Before 1900	
AFCS 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	
AFCS 2380	Black Families and Incarceration	
AFCS 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times	
AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	
AFCS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya	
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
AFCS 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas	
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya	
<b>Senior Capstone</b>		
AFCS 4700	Capstone	4

## Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	4
or AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions	

## Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

## Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

## Plan of Study

### Sample Plan of Study

#### FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF

<b>Year 1</b>							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
AFCS 1101		4 Lived Religion Elective		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
CLTR 1000	1	AFCS 1270		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111	4	Elective		4			
PHIL 1110	4	Elective		4			
Elective	4						
	17		16		8		8
<b>Year 2</b>							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Comparative Religion Elective		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
PHIL 2000 Level Elective	4					Elective	4
AFCS 2325	4						
Elective	4						
	16		0		0		8
<b>Year 3</b>							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Elective		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
AFCS 1113	4					Elective	4
AFCS 2296	4						
AFCS 3424	4						
	16		0		0		8

Year 4			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PHIL 3000 Level Elective		4 Humanities Course	4
AFCS 4526		4 AFCS 4700	4
Elective		4 PHIL Advanced Level Elective	4
Elective		4 AFCS 2619	4
16		16	
Total Hours: 129			