

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (B.TH.) (120 CREDITS)

Offered by: Religious Studies (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Theology

Program credit weight: 120

Program Description

The Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) degree requires 120 credits. Many students enter the program with advanced standing, and their credit requirement for the degree is adjusted accordingly. All students must discuss their course selection with their program adviser.

Students admitted on the basis of a bachelor degree will have advanced standing and should consult their program adviser to determine any course equivalencies completed during their first degree and how these affect their program requirements for the Bachelor of Theology.

The Bachelor of Theology degree serves three types of students: those seeking a classically oriented undergraduate program in the humanities that allows them to focus eventually on theology and related disciplines (90/120 credits); those who already have a degree but desire to add this competency, whether out of personal interest or with a view to graduate research in a theological discipline (60 credits); and those who not only desire but require it for the sake of a subsequent professional degree such as the Master of Divinity.

The Bachelor of Theology engages students in some of life's biggest questions and some of the world's most influential literature. Those doing 90 or more credits can (schedules permitting) add a Minor Concentration program in some other desired discipline or field; those who enter the program at Year 0 can add two Minor Concentrations offered by the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science.

The normal course load in the degree for full-time students is 15 credits per term, five 3-credit courses. By permission of the Chair of the B.Th. Committee, students may also enroll for courses at any university in the province of Quebec. For further information, see Quebec Inter-University Transfer Agreement: McGill Students.

Professional and vocational courses (e.g., leading to ordination) are available through the In-Ministry Year (Master of Divinity (M.Div.)) upon the completion of the B.Th. degree.

Degree Requirements — B.Th. students

To be eligible for a B.Th. degree, a student must fulfil all School and program requirements as indicated below:

1. The B.Th. is either a 120-credit program (if you were admitted from outside Quebec and without a prior bachelor's degree), a 90-credit program (if you were admitted on the basis of a Quebec DCS/DEC or equivalent), or a 60-credit program (if you were admitted on the basis of a recognized bachelor's degree).
2. Qualification for the degree must include Satisfactory Standing (a grade of C or better) in all required courses and the complementary courses specified in Year 3, and the accumulation of enough acceptable credits to make a total of either 60, 90, or 120 credits. It should be noted that if you take the B.Th. program as part of the M.Div. program, you need to maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5 to be eligible for the M.Div. degree.

3. Normally, the program credits must be earned within five years from the date of entrance.

Required Courses (33 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
RELG 302	Literature of Ancient Israel 1.	3
RELG 303	Literature of Ancient Israel 2.	3
RELG 309	World Religions and Cultures They Create..	3
RELG 311	Formation of the New Testament.	3
RELG 312	The Gospels.	3
RELG 322	Church and Empire to 1300 .	3
RELG 323	Church and State since 1300.	3
RELG 333	Principles of Theology.	3
RELG 341	Introduction: Philosophy of Religion.	3
RELG 434	Advanced Theology.	3
RELG 470	Theological Ethics.	3

Complementary Courses (12-51 Credits)

Students with advanced standing take the minimum number of complementary credits, which must be at the 300 level or above from the following.

Philosophy

0-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 200	Introduction to Philosophy 1.	3
PHIL 230	Introduction to Moral Philosophy 1.	3
RELG 321	Western Intellectual Tradition.	3
RELG 380	Religion, Philosophy, Modernity.	3

Theology

3-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
CATH 310	Catholic Intellectual Traditions.	3
RELG 211	Theology through Fiction.	3
RELG 334	Theology of History.	3
RELG 336	Contemporary Theological Issues.	3

Bible (Old Testament)

3-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
RELG 201	Religions of the Ancient Near East.	3
RELG 202	Religion of Ancient Israel.	3
RELG 407	The Writings.	3

RELG 408	The Prophets.	3
RELG 491	Biblical Hebrew Narratives.	3
RELG 492	Biblical Hebrew Poetry.	3

Bible (New Testament)

3-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 220	Introductory Ancient Greek 1.	3
CLAS 222	Introductory Ancient Greek 2.	3
RELG 210	Jesus of Nazareth.	3
RELG 279	New Testament Greek 1.	3
RELG 326	Christians in the Roman World.	3
RELG 381	Advanced New Testament Greek.	3
RELG 410	Paul and His Legacy.	3
RELG 411	New Testament Exegesis.	3
RELG 482	Exegesis of Greek New Testament.	3

Church History

3-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
CATH 330	Catholicism in a Global Context.	3
RELG 310	Canadian Church History.	3
RELG 338	Women and the Christian Tradition.	3
RELG 399	Christian Spirituality.	3
RELG 423	Reformation Thought.	3
RELG 498	Special Studies.	3

Comparative Religion

0-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 200	Islamic Civilization.	3
ISLA 370	The Qur'an: History and Interpretation.	3
ISLA 375	Sufi Women	3
ISLA 380	Islamic Philosophy and Theology.	3
ISLA 390	Islamic Reform and Radicalism: Middle East	3
ISLA 421	Islamic Culture - Indian Subcontinent.	3
ISLA 530	Advanced Sufism	3
JWST 382	Jews, Judaism and Social Justice.	3
RELG 204	Judaism, Christianity and Islam.	3
RELG 207	Introduction to the Study of Religions.	3
RELG 252	Hinduism and Buddhism.	3
RELG 253	Religions of East Asia.	3
RELG 288	Introduction to Sikhism.	3
RELG 348	Classical Hinduism.	3

RELG 352	Japanese Religions: History and Thought.	3
RELG 353	Gandhi: His Life and Thought.	3
RELG 354	Chinese Religions.	3

Ethics

0-3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
CATH 340	Catholicism and Public Policy.	3
CATH 370AA	Indigenous Religiosity and Spirituality.	3
RELG 370	Religion and Human Rights.	3
RELG 371	Ethics of Violence/Non-Violence.	3
RELG 373	Christian Ethics of Love.	3
RELG 376	Religious Ethics.	3

0-12 credits of undergraduate RELG or CATH courses (for students who do not have advanced standing that enter program at Year 0).

Elective Courses (15-36)

15-36 credits chosen from Arts or Science disciplines.

Students with advanced standing take the minimum number of elective credits.

Elective credits may be applied to any Minor Concentration available in Arts or Science other than Religious Studies (see specific Minor Concentration regulations)