Flowchart: Department of Comparative Religion – Master’s Program

Admission to the Program

Temporary Program Advisor is assigned

Complete at least 33 credit hours including:

Core Courses
- REL 6000 - Classics I
- REL 6100 - Theory and Method I
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- REL 6200 Advanced Seminar in Comparative Religion

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Complete at least 21 hours of Elective Courses

Submit Graduation Audit Form

Successfully Complete the Written Examination

Graduation

Takes 33 credit hours

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Thesis Option + 15 hours Electives

Choose a project option

Complete 15 hours of Elective Courses
Demonstrate Foreign Language Reading Proficiency

Select Thesis Advisor and Choose Committee

Submit “Notification of Appointment to Thesis Committee” form

Present Thesis Proposal and get approval from Committee

Submit “Thesis Proposal Approval” form

Obtain HSIRB Approval (If Required)

Begin 6 hours of REL 7000: Master’s Thesis

Apply for Graduate Audit

Submit Thesis Approval form
Thesis Check-in form

Defend the Thesis

Submit "Thesis Approval form"
1. Admission to the program
2. Temporary Program Advisor is assigned
3. Complete at least 33 hours of coursework including:
   
   **Core courses (12 hours)**
   - REL 6000 - Classics I
   - REL 6100 - Theory and Method I
   - REL 6150 - Survey of Religions of the World
   - REL 6200 - Advanced Seminar in Comparative Religion

   **Complete the remaining coursework by choosing one of the following options**

   **A. Thesis Option:**
   - Complete 15 hours of Electives chosen from approved courses
   - Demonstrate Reading Proficiency in one foreign language relevant to their research area
   - Select the Thesis Advisor, choose the Committee
   - Submit the “Notification of Appointment to a Dissertation, Thesis or Specialist project Committee” form to the Graduate college
   - Present the Thesis Proposal and get approval from committee
   - Submit Thesis Proposal Approval form
   - Obtain HSIRB approval to the Graduate College (if required)
   - Begin 6 hours of REL 7000: Master’s Thesis (“Permission to Elect 7000 form” must be submitted prior to first registration)
   - Submit Graduation Audit Form to the Registrar’s Office
   - Successfully defend the Thesis
   - Submit Thesis, Project, and Dissertation Approval Form both to the department and to the Graduate College
   - Submit Thesis/Specialist Project Submission Check-In Form to the Graduate College

   **B. Comprehensive Examination Option:**
   - Complete at least 21 hours of Elective Courses chosen from approved courses
   - Submit Graduation Audit Form
   - Successfully Complete The Written Examination in the Area or Areas of Concentration

4. Graduation