Student Success Map
B.A. in Religious Studies
Department of Comparative Religion and Humanities

**FRESHMAN**
- Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the Student Learning Center, Health Center, Academic Advising, Wellness Center and your faculty advisor.
- Visit the Comparative Religion and Humanities department office; meet the Chair, faculty, and students. Make a point to get to know your professors.
- Take RELS 180 Intro to Religion.
- Obtain your Major Academic Plan (MAP). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.
- If you need preparatory math and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.
- Attend meetings of the Comparative Religion Student Society (CRSS) and the Religious Diversity Association (RDA).

**SOPHOMORE**
- Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.
- Meet your advisor every semester for mandatory advising in the major.
- Take RELS 281 Library Research Methods in Comparative Religion and Humanities; complete RELS 200 Judaism/Christianity/Islam and RELS 350 Asian Religions by end of sophomore year.
- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Volunteer with CLIC or CAVE.

**JUNIOR**
- Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
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**SENIOR**
- Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator.
- Discuss post-graduate options with your advisor and other faculty.
- Sign up with a faculty member to become a Teaching Assistant in a Religious Studies class.
- Network with alumni, advisory boards, and other potential employers.
- Take a year of a second language for grad school.

**Apply What You Learn**
- Attend meetings of the Comparative Religion Student Society (CRSS) and the Religious Diversity Association (RDA).
- Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.
- Select courses in GE that meet the diversity requirements (US Diversity and Global cultures).
- Consider a leadership role in the CRSS.
- Consider a pre-professional minor or a double major for multiple subject competency.
- Visit the Study Abroad office in SSC 440. Continue to study a foreign language.
- Take on a leadership role in the CRSS.

**Get Good Advice**
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- Check your DPR. Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (15–16 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Check your Student Center prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Check your Student Center in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your Student Center after each semester for your grades and academic standing. If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an Advisor.

**Take the Right Classes**
- Consider a time management workshop in the Student Learning Center.
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**Think Globally**
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- Study abroad for a semester or full year in Thailand, India, Ghana, China, or Israel.
- Take a year of a second language for grad school: German, French, Arabic, or Chinese.
- Take GRE or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/ professional school.
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**Prepare for Life After Graduation**
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**Graduation and Beyond**
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**Other Careers**
- Non-Profits
  - Peace Corps, and teaching English abroad.
  - Learn about international volunteering, the Peace Corps, and teaching English abroad.
  - Take GRE or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/ professional school.

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  - Foreign Service Officer
  - Intelligence Specialist
  - Public Administration
  - Legislative Aide

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  - Human Resources Administrator
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  - Editor

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