

Degree Path: A.A. in Religious Studies

College of Bible and Church Ministries

Freshman Year

Fall Semester	14 hours
GES 1122	Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113	Composition and Rhetoric I ∞
COM 1143	Fundamentals of Speech ∞
MTH 1113/1123	(Math option) ∞
REL 1133	Authentic Christianity ∞

Spring Semester	15 hours
ENG 1123	Composition and Rhetoric II ∞ (prereq: ENG 1113)
HIS 1113	American History I ∞
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 1)
BIB 1223	Church in Ministry and Mission ∞
REL 1173	Introduction to Biblical Literature ∞

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester	15 hours
ENG 2273/2233	(English option) ∞/◇ (ENG 2243, if preferred, is spring only) (prereq: ENG 1123)
GOV 2213	National and State Government ∞
PSY 1153/2323	(Psychology option) ∞
BIB 2213	Bible Study ∞
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 2)

Spring Semester	17 hours
BIO 1113/PHY 1113	(Science option) ∞
PED 2232	Wellness and Lifestyle ∞ (1101-2291, if preferred, must be 2 courses)
THE 2113	Intro to Theology and Apologetics ∞
THE 2333	Pentecostal Doctrine and History ∞
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 3)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 4)

Please Note:

- *This sample schedule is only a suggested path and does not reflect individual variation necessary due to course-offering alterations, change of major, retaking of courses, transfer credits, spring start, summer courses, or conditional acceptance.*
- You should consult your department chair, program coordinator, course scheduler, and peer advisor regarding how your specific circumstance will affect your sequence of these courses for graduation completion.

∞ every fall and spring semester

* only that semester in odd years

*** to be taken *only* in specified semester

◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)

** only that semester in even years

∞/◇ offering differs in order listed

The Value of an Associate Degree

Adding an associate degree to your goals while here at SAGU can help increase your ability to stand out in the marketplace.

Employers are looking for individuals who have vast knowledge across a subject matter as well as depth in specific areas that are important in that field. Starting with, or adding, an associate degree gives you breadth whereas a bachelor's degree is designed to give you the depth required to contribute in even greater ways in your chosen profession.

If you're interested in an associate degree from a different discipline than your major, the breadth of knowledge you can gain from such cross-disciplinary study can generate stronger critical thinking skills, which improve your status in the hiring process as well.

Another thing to consider is how an associate degree allows you to explore different fields of interest before or while you are pursuing a specific major. If you are still deciding on a major, pursuing an associate degree can help you choose to experience the curriculum in that area.



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OVERVIEW

The Associate of Arts degree in Religious Studies is designed for students desiring an emphasis in general education and religious studies. Those who complete this degree will be able to identify key people, places, and themes of the Old and New Testaments, demonstrate a foundational understanding of Christian theology, and articulate the essential elements of a Christian worldview.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- All full-time students are to include one General Biblical Studies course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
- First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
- First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 31 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- ☐ COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ☐ ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ☐ ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ☐ GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
ENG 2233 American Literature through the Civil War
ENG 2243 American Literature after the Civil War

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- ☐ GOV 2213 National and State Government
- ☐ HIS 1113 American History I
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
BIO 1113 Biological Sciences **OR**
PHY 1113 Physical Science
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
MTH 1113 College Mathematics **OR**
MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 2 hours

- ☐ PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle **OR**
2 hours from Activity Courses PED 1101-2291

GENERAL BIBLICAL STUDIES: 18 hours

- ☐ BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- ☐ BIB 2213 Bible Study
- ☐ REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- ☐ REL 1173 Introduction to Biblical Literature
- ☐ THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- ☐ THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 12 Hours

- ☐ 12 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 61 Hours

