Associate in Religious Studies Degree

An Associate in Religious Studies Degree is designed for students who plan to continue into a four-year bachelor's degree program and provides students the training and education needed to move immediately into the workforce. Workers who earn an Associate Degree increase their earning power. Our Associate in Religious Studies degree is the perfect first step to a career in religion.

PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE . . .

✓ Earning an Associate in Religious Studies Degree from SMC will prepare you for the next step in your education. It is designed to transition into a four-year degree program, including our customizable Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, or Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

✓ With an Associate in Religious Studies Degree, you will receive a quality liberal arts education in general studies that can lead you to your passion for your four-year degree and open doors for careers in the clergy, missionary work, or faith-based charity programs.

✓ Research shows that people who earn an associate degree typically earn up to $8,000 more per year than those who don't have a degree.

Career Opportunities

Earning an Associate in Religious Studies Degree is the perfect start to continuing on to a Bachelor's Degree. It can also provide the education needed to move into several career opportunities, including:

- Missionary
- Chairty officer
- Youth director
- Lay leader in a church
- Teacher, and more.

START HERE
to begin your higher education journey.

FINISH HERE
with the skills you need to succeed.

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The Associate in Religious Studies degree provides the general education courses necessary to transition directly into one of SMC's bachelor's degree programs or transfer to another program. Become a well-rounded student with an Associate in Religious Studies. Instead of choosing one path and sticking to it, this General Studies degree allows you to follow your interests in several different fields. This program is a great fit for students who want to develop their knowledge in several areas or develop a solid foundation for future bachelor's degree coursework.

Course Requirements

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Subject/Course Requirement	Semester Hours
English	
ENGL 101	3
ENGL 102	3
Literature or English 250	3
Computer Science	
CSCI _____	3
History or Social Science	
HIST _____ or Social Science*_____	3
SMC Group	
SMC 101	1
SMC 201	1
Mathematics	
MATH _____ (112 or higher)	3 or 4
Health and Wellness	
_____ (PHED 121, Health 101, 201, 240)	3
Public Speaking	
SPCH 201	3
Religion	
Religion 103	3
Religion 215	3
Religion 211, 212, or 220	3
Religion 211, 212, or 220	3
Religion 230 or 240	3
_____ (Any 200-level or higher RELI or PHIL)	3
Science	
Science _____	4
Science _____	4
Social Science	
Social Science*_____	3
Electives	
Electives	2
Total 60 credit hours	

"Social Science" shall be interpreted to mean Anthropology 101; Economics (BSAD 201, 202); Political Science 202, 203; Psychology101, 201; Sociology 101, 202, 203; Social Work 201; History 101, 102, 112, 201, 202, 210, 220, 230 (other than that course used for History requirement).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAY

Students can earn an associate degree as a stand-alone qualification, as a stepping stone into further study, or as a guaranteed pathway into SMC's Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, or Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degrees.

ASSOCIATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES PATHWAY

The Associate in Religious Studies prepares students to pursue a bachelor's degree completion program at SMC. A Religious Studies degree is based upon a core curriculum of liberal arts courses and elective hours of study in the student's interest area.

TUITION & FEES

The tuition and fees below apply to the 2023-2024 school year. Please note that all tuition and fees are subject to change at any time when circumstances warrant.

Tuition (per academic year)	$16,200*
Room & Board (per academic year)	$9,900
Fees (per academic year)	$3,150

Tuition rate for full-time students is based on an hourly rate of $675 per credit hour up to the 12-credit-hour, full-time requirement.