

Timeline for the Master of Arts Degree in Religious Studies
ORAL EXAMS

Complete the following timetable to help you map out your path to the M.A. Though students will complete their M.A. at different paces (as some students will have transfer credit, some will take summer courses, and so on), this timetable can serve as a guide and as a useful way for you to remain in sync with your graduate adviser.

This is a timeline for those intending to take oral exams. Unsure about whether you'd like to write a thesis or take the oral exams? That's okay! Check out this website and consult with your advisers in the department about how to make that decision. <https://religiousstudies.uncc.edu/graduate-studies/path-ma>

To complete this timetable, begin at the very end by filling out when you intend to graduate—and then work your way back up to the top. Specific university-wide deadlines will change every year, so make sure to cross-check this timetable against the UNC-Charlotte's updated schedule. This website will help you understand the various steps and keep track of deadlines: <https://religiousstudies.uncc.edu/graduate-studies/path-ma>

<i>Coursework:</i> You'll need a minimum of 30 hours of coursework (the equivalent of 10 courses). That works out to about 3 courses per semester during a two-year program. It's suggested that your first semester and your last semester (when you're writing) have a lighter workload.		
<i>RELS 6101:</i> This is one of two required courses in the program—aim to take it during your first year.	_____ Semester, 20_____	_____ Semester, 20_____
<i>RELS 6102:</i> The other required course in the program.	_____ Semester, 20_____	_____ Semester, 20_____
<i>Exams Committee:</i> Aim to have your committee formed close to one-year before graduation.	APRIL, 20_____	DECEMBER, 20_____
<i>Making an Exam List:</i> Midway through the semester <i>before</i> the exams, you'll want to have a finalized lists of books/articles that will form the material for your exams.	<i>Deadline:</i> NOV. 15, 20_____	<i>Deadline:</i> MARCH 1, 20_____

<i>Apply to Graduate:</i> Early in your last semester, you'll apply.	JAN. ____, 20__	SEPT. ____, 20__
<i>Take the Exams:</i> Over the course of one week, you'll take all three of your exams. Schedule this exam period with at least one week <i>before</i> the submission of your exam report.	APRIL 1-21, 20__	OCT. 20-NOV. 15, 20__
<i>Submit the Exam Report:</i> A simple report to the university on the success of your exams.	Deadline: MAY 1, 20__	Deadline: DEC. 1, 20__
<i>Graduation:</i> Congratulations!	SPRING of 20__	FALL of 20__
	<i>For those intending to graduate in the SPRING, use this column.</i>	<i>For those intending to graduate in the FALL, use this column.</i>