

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: 2/19/2023

Submitted by: Ian Smith, x. 1544

SUBJECT: Significant Program Edits – Religious Studies, BA

Description / Rationale: Rationale for minor, certificate, or second major requirement: Graduates in liberal arts disciplines should be well-rounded, and that requires depth as well as breadth. Disciplines across the University, and especially within the College, should actively support one another by requiring their students to explore outside of their majors. The reduction in general education requirements means that students will have more opportunity to explore disciplines outside of their majors, and we think that their exploration will be more fruitful if they do that within particular disciplinary structures. More to the point, we are committed to positioning our graduates to be successful on the job market, and we believe that having distinct minors, double majors, and certificates will be more beneficial to them.

Financial Implications: None indicated.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2024

Request for Action: *Approval by AAC/.FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

Approved by: *AAC on 2/12/2024*

FAC on date

Faculty Senate on date

Attachments Yes ☒ No ☐

Program Change Request

Date Submitted: 09/12/23 1:16 pm

Viewing: **RG : Religious Studies Religion**

Last approved: 01/24/23 3:14 pm

Last edit: 02/13/24 9:50 am

Changes proposed by: Ian Smith1 (ian.smith1)

Catalog Pages Using this Program Religious Studies, BA

Final Catalog 2024-2025

Rationale for Inactivation

Change Type Significant

Summarize Changes and Include Rationale

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((Holly 9/12/23: Completed revisions according to new standardization approved by Deans and Provost Office))

General Information

Effective Catalog Edition 2024-2025

Department Philosophy & Religious Studies ~~Philosophy~~

College College of Arts and Sciences

Division Humanities

Degree Level Undergraduate

Program Title Religious Studies Religion

Degree to be Offered Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Is there a Washburn Articulation agreement? Related Degree

Is this program offered completely online? No

Does this program lead to a teaching certification? No

Program Code RG

Concentration

Is this program an interdisciplinary program? No

In Workflow

- 1. Acad Ops
- 2. PH Chair
- 3. PHRG Chair
- 4. Library
- 5. HUM Chair
- 6. CA Dean
- 7. CFCCC Chair
- 8. Assoc Dean CFC
- 9. CA Assoc Dean
- 10. Governance Check
- 11. AA Committee
- 12. Faculty Senate
- 13. General Faculty
- 14. WUBOR
- 15. Final Acad Ops
- 16. Registrar

Approval Path

- 1. 09/12/23 1:41 pm
Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman):
Approved for Acad Ops
- 2. 09/12/23 4:04 pm
Ian Smith1 (ian.smith1):
Approved for PH Chair
- 3. 09/13/23 2:33 pm
Ian Smith1 (ian.smith1):
Approved for PHRG Chair
- 4. 09/13/23 4:36 pm
Sean Bird (sean.bird):
Approved for Library
- 5. 09/21/23 4:49 pm
Ian Smith1 (ian.smith1):
Approved for HUM Chair
- 6. 09/26/23 11:39 am
Kelly Erby (kelly.erby):
Approved for CA Dean
- 7. 11/14/23 12:42 pm
Bruce Mactavish (bruce.mactavish):
Approved for CFCCC Chair
- 8. 11/21/23 11:16 am
Kelly Erby (kelly.erby):
Approved for Assoc Dean CFC
- 9. 02/07/24 5:41 pm

New Program Header

Statement of Justification/Rationale for Offering the Program

Program Demand

Projected Enrollment for the Initial Three Years of the Program

Implementation	
Full-Time Headcount Per	Part-Time Headcount Per Year
Full-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year	Part-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year
Year 2	
Full-Time Headcount Per Year	Part-Time Headcount Per Year
Full-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year	Part-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year
Year 3	
Full-Time Headcount Per Year	Part-Time Headcount Per Year
Full-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year	Part-Time Sem Credit Hrs Per Year

Employment

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Opportunity

History

1. Apr 21, 2022 by
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2. Jul 14, 2022 by
Steve Luoma
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3. Jul 14, 2022 by
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4. Sep 28, 2022 by
Holly Broxterman
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5. Jan 24, 2023 by
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6. Jan 24, 2023 by
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Admission and Curriculum

Admission Criteria

Total Number of

Semester Credit

Hours for the

Degree

Curriculum

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated below, students must complete 34-35 hours of General Education, all requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree, and any additional hours needed to reach the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation. Some of the courses below may also fulfill general education or other degree requirements. Please see your advisor for more information.

In addition, all Religious Studies majors must declare and then meet the requirements for a minor, a second major, or a certificate in order to graduate.

Required Courses Inside Department

RG 101	Introduction to the Study of Religion	3
RG 102	World Religions	3
RG 331	Understanding Religion	3
RG 398	Capstone Preparation	3
RG 399	Religious Studies Capstone	3

Choose one of the following:		3
PH 100	Introduction to Philosophy	
PH 201	Corrupting the Youth: Ancient Greek Philosophy	
PH 203	Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy	
PH 207	Existence of God	
PH 301	I think therefore I am? Modern Philosophy 1600-1800	3
Subtotal		21
Additional Required Courses		
Select additional courses ¹		12
Correlated Courses		
Total Hours		33

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At least nine must be RG and at least nine must be upper division courses. *External courses require advisor’s prior approval.*

Degree Requirements

Pathway

Core Faculty

Faculty Workload Analysis

Faculty Workload Analysis (describe how the course offering schedule and anticipated enrollments correlate to faculty lines)

N/A

Supplemental Files

Reviewer

Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman) (02/13/24 9:50 am): Approved by Academic Affairs

Comments

Committee in 2/12/2024 meeting.