Minor Change to an Undergraduate Program

Program Name: B.A. in Religious Studies

Complete only if applicable

☐ Option within __________________________
   (degree program name)

☐ Advising Pattern within __________________________
   (option name)

   within __________________________
   (degree program name)

☐ Minor

☐ Certificate

☐ Changes being made affect a subject matter preparation or credential program.

Brief rationale for change:
To create a major program that does not make use of General Education courses and that ensures that all graduates will have covered essential subject matter.

Does the proposed change enhance or support the Diversity Action Plan (see definition & Task 3.1)? Yes
If yes, please explain. The program requires that all students complete a course in Sex and Gender Studies, previously only an elective.

Required Signatures

The Department of _______________ has reviewed and approves this program change

__________________________  5/13/15
Chair, Department Curriculum Committee

__________________________  5/13/15
Department Chair

The College of _______________ has reviewed and approves this program change

__________________________  5/19/15
Chair, College Curriculum Committee

__________________________  5/20/15
College Dean

Send signature page with proposal attached to Curriculum Services at Undergraduate Education, zip 680
Curriculum Technical Review Completed __________________________
Date
The Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: 120 units

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. You can view MAPs on the Degree MAPs page in the University Catalog or you can request a plan from your major advisor.

General Education Pathway Requirements: 48 units

See General Education in the University Catalog and the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education Pathway Requirements and course offerings.

- RELS 482 is an approved GE Capstone substitution.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

See Diversity Requirements in the University Catalog. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education.

Literacy Requirement:

See Mathematics and Writing Requirements in the University Catalog. Writing proficiency in the major is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a course in your major which has been designated as the Writing Proficiency (WP) course for the semester in which you take the course. Students who earn below a C- are required to repeat the course and earn a C- or higher to receive WP credit. See the Class Schedule for the designated WP courses for each semester. You must pass ENGL 130I or JOUR 130I (or equivalent) with a C- or higher before you may register for a WP course.

Course Requirements for the Major: 34 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree.

Major Core Program: 27 units

Courses required:

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Prerequisites: RELS 306.

| RELS 322 | Religion in America                                                   |             | 3.0   | SP               |              |
| RELS 323 | Religion and Nature                                                   |             | 3.0   | SP               | New course   |
| RELS 402 | Religion, Sex and Gender                                              |             | 3.0   | SP               |              |
| RELS 405 | Religion, Politics and Conflict                                       |             | 3.0   | FA               | New course   |
| RELS 480 | Theories and Criticisms of Religion                                  |             | 3.0   | FA               |              |

Prerequisites: RELS 200 and RELS 300.

**Writing Proficiency Course: 4 units**

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Prerequisites: ENGL 130 or JOUR 130 (or equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher; concurrent enrollment or prior completion of RELS 281 and RELS 480.

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Electives Requirement:
To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

**Grading Requirement:**

All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

**Advising Requirement:**

Advising is mandatory for all majors in this degree program. Consult your undergraduate advisor for specific information.

**Honors in the Major:**

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires 6 units of honors course work completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

1. You must take 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. All 6 units are honors classes (marked by a suffix of H), and at least 3 of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
2. You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.
3. Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
4. Your GPA in your major should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
5. Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
6. Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.