

Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

New Course Course Prefix Change Course Deletion
 Course Revision Course Number and/or Title Change Catalog Description Change

Current course prefix, number and full title: _____

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing: _____

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate
 This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

Learning Skills Knowledge Area Global and Multicultural Awareness Writing Across the Curriculum (W Course)
 Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)

Global Citizenship Information Literacy Oral Communication
 Quantitative Reasoning Scientific Literacy Technological Literacy

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

Honors College Course Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

4. Program Proposals

Catalog Description Change Program Revision Program Title Change New Track
 New Degree Program New Minor Program Liberal Studies Requirement Changes Other

Current program name: Minor--Religious Studies

Proposed program name, if changing: _____

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Stuart Chandler</i>	9/24/2014
Department Chairperson(s)	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/24/2014
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>	10.1.14
College Dean	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/8/14
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)	<i>Thomas S. McNeal (am)</i>	10/10/14
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Carol Schmitt</i>	11/13/14



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Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

1. Catalog Description

The requirements for a minor are 18 credits with the RLST prefix, including certain required courses. At least 6 credits must be at taken at the 300 level or higher.

Minor—Religious Studies	18
Core: RLST 100 or 110	3 cr
Western: RLST 260, 290, or 380,	3 cr
Eastern: RLST 220, 311, 370, or 375	3 cr
Indigenous: RLST 360 or 365	3 cr
Elective: Two RLST classes	6 cr

2. Summary of Changes

a. Table comparing old and new program

Current Program	Proposed Program
<p>The requirements for a minor are 15 credits that must be taken from the religious studies offerings, which include certain required courses.</p> <p>Minor—Religious Studies 15</p> <p>Core: RLST 100 or 110 3 cr Western: RLST 260, 290, 380, 410, or 440 3 cr Eastern: RLST 311, 370, 375 3 cr Indigenous: RLST 360 or 365 3 cr Elective: One RLST class 3 cr</p> <p>(1) Consult religious studies advisor.</p>	<p>The requirements for a minor are 18 credits with the RLST prefix, including certain required courses. At least 6 credits must be at taken at the 300 level or higher.</p> <p>Minor—Religious Studies 18</p> <p>Core: RLST 100 or 110 3 cr Western: RLST 260, 290, or 380 3 cr Eastern: RLST 220, 311, 370, or 375 3 cr Indigenous: RLST 360 or 365 3 cr Elective: Two RLST classes 6 cr</p>

b. List of all associated course changes (new or revised courses, number, title, or description changes, and deletions)

- (i) Deletion of RLST 410 and 440 from Western category;
- (ii) Addition of RLST 220 “Buddhist Thought and Practice” to the Eastern category.

c. Rationale for Changes

- (i) Deletion of RLST 410 and 440 from Western category: These classes have not been offered for many years and there is no expectation to provide them again in the future.
- (ii). Addition of RLST 220 to Eastern category: This class has already been offered many times the past six years.
- (iii). Deletion of footnote indicating that student should “Consult religious studies advisor” about elective: all RLST classes are suitable. Hence there is no need for the student to consult his or her adviser.
- (iv). Change from 15 to 18 credits and stipulation that at least 6 cr. must be at the 300 level or higher: mandated by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors.

Part III. Implementation

- 1. Students in the existing program will continue to follow the current program until they graduate from IUP. Students entering the minor program from the time the minor revision is implemented will follow the proposed program.
- 2. Faculty resources will not be affected by this change.
- 3. Resources are adequate.
- 4. The Department of Religious expects no increase or decrease in the number of students minoring in

Religious Studies as a result of this change.

Part IV. Periodic Assessment

1. The Department of Religious Studies will include as part of its Five-Year Reviews an assessment of its Minor program. No student input will be incorporated as part of the evaluation process.
2. One evaluation is conducted every five years.
3. The Department of Religious Studies conducts its own Five-Year Review with the support of one outside reviewer.

Part V. Course Proposals

There are no course proposals being submitted with this program revision.

Part VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement

This revision does not affect any other program.