TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)

SUBJECT: 18-19 CIC 14: Religious Studies Minor

PURPOSE: For action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate approve the Religious Studies Minor, effective on the signature of the President

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At their meeting on February 4th, CIC discussed the request from the Department of Philosophy to create a Minor in Religious Studies. This minor was originally proposed two years ago but was delayed by Semester Conversion. The courses for the minor are already being offered. The purpose is to offer recognition to students who take these courses as a coherent area of study.

CIC members approved the minor unanimously at this meeting.
Minor in Religious Studies
(2019-20 Catalog) New Request - Concentration or Minor

General Catalog Information

***READ BEFORE YOU BEGIN***

Use this form to request a new concentration or minor program.

New concentration programs require approval from the Office of the Chancellor, and must be in compliance with Executive Order 1071. See 17-18 CIC 35: Timeline for Curricular Changes for APS Catalog/Curriculum Timelines. *College deadlines are always earlier.* Check with your College Office for curriculum deadlines.

*Please turn on Help Text for this form by selecting the Show Help Text icon above this section of the form.*

Effective Term: Fall 2019  Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

Department:* Department of Philosophy

Select PROGRAM (do NOT select Shared Core)*
- Program
- Shared Core

Proposal Type*
- New Minor
- New Undergraduate Concentration
- New Graduate Concentration

Justification for/Purpose of the proposed revision:* The new Minor in Religious Studies will offer those students with an interest in the field, but who have a Major in another subject, the opportunity to indicate their interest on the degrees. Currently, students taking Religious Studies courses to fulfill a Minor have only the Minor in Philosophy as an option. A student might currently fulfill the Philosophy Minor by taking 7 courses in Religious Studies with no way of indicating their specialized interest. The Minor in Religious Studies has particular advantages when combined with a range of Majors, including Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Art, History, Health Sciences, International Studies, Hospitality, and many more. Further, the department lost its Minor in Religious Studies in 2007 when it cancelled it with the intention of revising and proposing a new one. An NEH grant was obtained with the express intent of preparing a new interdisciplinary Minor in Religious Studies, and involved seminars with
faculty members from the departments of Philosophy, History, Ethnic Studies, Health Sciences, and the Library.

Can this new concentration be recognized as "similar" under the STAR Act (SB 1440)? See help text*

- Yes (Articulation Office will review)
- No/Not Applicable
- I don't know (Articulation Office will review)

Revised Major Program Learning Outcomes (if applicable) due to addition of new concentration):

NA

**IMPORT EXISTING COURSE INFORMATION**

Click Here for instructions on how to import your existing catalog course information to build your new program.

**Full and exact title of New Minor or Concentration***

Minor in Religious Studies

**Degree Program Title (if not proposing a new concentration select NOT APPLICABLE)**

NOT APPLICABLE

**Curricular Requirements (see above instructions)**

**Required Courses**

Students can earn a Minor in Religious Studies by selecting a total of 21 units from the listed courses. Students must take at least 12 units from the courses with PHIL prefix.

- ANTH 331 Folklore
- DANC 332 World Dance and Cultures
- ENGL 311 Dante’s Worlds
- ENGL 430 Bible as Literature
- ENGL 431 World Mythology
- ES 307 God is Red: American Indian Worldview
- ES 344 Malcolm X: Third World Revolutionary
- HIST 332 Tolerance and Intolerance in the Roman Empire
- HIST 334 Ancient Egyptian Civilization
- HIST 335 Rome and Christianity
- HIST 362 Modern South Asia
- HIST 363 The Middle East and the Rise of Islamic Societies
- HIST 364 The Modern Middle East
HIST 375 Religion and Diversity in America
MLL 352 Japanese Folktales and Culture (Bilingual)
MLL 362 Chinese Folktales and Culture (Bilingual)
PHIL 300 Reasoning and Writing for Philosophy Majors
PHIL 331 Metaphysics: Being and Not Being
PHIL 337 Science and Religion
PHIL 338 Atheism, Agnosticism, and Theism
PHIL 340 Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 341 Abrahamic Religions
PHIL 342 Religions of Asia
PHIL 343 Contemporary Religious Thinkers
PHIL 344 Mysticism
PHIL 345 Comparative Religion
PHIL 346 Cults and New Religious Movements
PHIL 347 Religion, Monsters, and Horror
PHIL 348 Views of the Afterlife
PHIL 349 Africana Philosophy and Religions
PHIL 365 Existentialism
PHIL 381 Shamanism
PHIL 490 Independent Study
PHIL 497 Issues in Philosophy or Religion
PHIL 499 Senior Seminar

Total Concentration or Minor Units Required*: 21

List of Existing Concentrations (if not proposing a new concentration select NOT APPLICABLE)*: NOT APPLICABLE

What will be the delivery format of this concentration program?*
- [ ] Fully On-ground
- [ ] Fully On-line
- [X] Hybrid
- [ ] N/A (proposing new Minor)

Please indicate which (if any) Minors or Concentrations will be discontinued as a result of this proposal:*: NONE

COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR NEW CONCENTRATIONS ONLY
If proposing an Online or Hybrid concentration, discuss faculty's current training and experience, and how the department will ensure that future faculty will know how to teach online or in a hybrid format.

Explain the strategies for offering this concentration in an online/hybrid format.

Discuss how the department will assess the quality of the online and/or hybrid instruction to ensure it is equal or superior to the program's on-ground instruction. (Student Evaluations is not a sufficient response).

Proposed CSU degree program code (see help text)

Campus-proposed CSU concentration program code (see help text)

Provide a detailed cost-recovery budget for self-support concentrations to be offered within state-support major degree programs:

The Office of the Chancellor requires a 4-year major-and-concentration roadmap for freshmen and a 2-year major-and-concentration roadmap for transfer students

**Bachelor's Degree Roadmap Template**

**Master's Degree Roadmap Template**

Have you attached your Major and Concentration Roadmaps?*  
- Yes  
- Not Yet (Concentration will not receive Chancellor Office approval)  
- Not applicable
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (REQUIRES DEAN'S OFFICE APPROVAL)

List additional resources required to offer this program, beyond what is covered in the department budget.*

None. The courses comprising the Minor will already be offered by the various departments as part of their normally expected programming.

OTHER IMPACTED DISCIPLINES

What other departments may have similar content to this proposed curriculum?*

NONE

Has this proposal been discussed with departments outside of your own?*

Yes; these departments/disciplines are aware of this new curriculum

Ready to Launch Your Proposal? Save all your changes, then see Instructions for Launching a Proposal

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Degree Type (Select "Non-degree")

Non-Degree

Program Type

Minor

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**Religious Studies Minor Roadmap**

Note: In pursuing the RELS Minor, students will also be able to complete the C4 GE requirement, and have the opportunity to fulfill the following requirements as well: D4 (ANTH 331), Sustainability Overlay (ES 307), Social Justice Overlay (ES 344), Diversity Overlay (PHIL 346).

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* RELS indicates any course from the Religious Studies Minor list of courses.
Budget Review of New Curricular Options

RE: Minor in Religious Studies

The proposal for the new Minor in Religious Studies follows the successful award and completion of an NEH funded seminar series bringing together an interdisciplinary group of faculty with a shared interest in the study of religion and its impact on the world. Over the period of a year and half, faculty from the departments of Philosophy, Ethnic Studies, History, Health Sciences, and the Library met monthly to discuss the kinds of work being done at our campus and the ways that this work could be brought together in a more unified fashion in order to provide students with a clearer focus on the importance of religion and religious studies today. The grant also provided for visits from three experts in curricular development from the US and Canada who met with our seminar group and assisted in our planning for this new program.

The program itself relies entirely on courses that are already created and that would be expected to be offered regardless of whether the Minor existed or not. Therefore, there are no new costs associated with this program. Students taking a course applicable to the Religious Studies path might be encouraged to pursue the Minor, thus selecting additional courses in the area. Any student being so inclined would represent a positive result in terms of enrollment, and so, budget. The program is thus budget-neutral from the outset with a strong likelihood of being budget-positive with only one student being needed to make such a decision to make the difference.

1) The PHIL department's SFR has been steadily increasing for years, and is, in fact, one of the highest in the College (ranked 6th overall in 2015)

2) The department’s courses are consistently full already. The new program will encourage additional students interested in Religious Studies to enroll, ensuring continued strong enrollment. That students can choose courses from other programs in CLASS might help to support the SFRs of those programs as well. In particular, AGES, MLL, ENGL, and HIST all have lower SFRs than PHIL, and students in the Minor might select courses from these departments (ES has a strong SFR, but is also involved in the Minor).

3) There are absolutely no new costs associated with this program. All courses involved in the Minor are courses that would be offered whether the Minor existed or not.

4) There is no need for external funding for the program, though an NEH grant was used to fund the discussions around forming the program. The existence of the program, having been funded by NEH, may provide opportunities for future interdisciplinary funding, though this is in no way required for the continuation of the Minor in perpetuity.
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Advisor's Signature: Date:

Chair's Signature: Date: