Revision Of Undergraduate And Graduate Programs

Format For Review By University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and Graduate Council.

1. Proposing College / School: CLA
   Department: Philosophy

2. Title of Affected Program: Religious Studies Minor

3. CIP Code of Affected Program:  
   (If applicable)

4. Proposed Implementation Date: Fall, 2014

5. Justification:
   (Include a concise, yet adequate rationale for the revision of the program, citing accreditation, assessments (faculty, graduate, and/or external) where applicable.)

   Religious Studies is, by its nature, interdisciplinary, ranging over areas as diverse as Anthropology, History, and Music. The new minor is more in line with Religious Studies interdisciplinary nature and better uses Auburn's current resources.

6. Current Degree Requirements (Including All Formal Options):
   (Provide the current curriculum model for the program, as well as for each formal option.)

   The minor consists in 15 hours, which includes:
   PHIL 1010 (Intro to Logic)
   RELG 1010 (Intro to Religious Studies)
   Plus an additional 3 courses (9 hours) of RELG coursework at the 3000-level or above (which may include HIST 3040)

7. Proposed Degree Requirements (Including All Formal Options):
   (Provide the proposed curriculum model for the program, as well as for each formal option.)

   The minor consists in 18 hours, which includes:
   6 required hours in "tradition courses" (at least 3 hours in Buddhism or Hinduism, and at least 3 hours in Judaism, Christianity, or Islam)
   3 hours at the 3000-level in Classical and Contemporary Theories of Religion
   9 additional hours of courses approved by the Religious Studies Coordinator, at least 6 of which must be from a 3000 or 4000-level course. Appropriate courses include:
   Religion and Gender (Women's Studies)
   Islam and Politics (Political Science)
   Religion and Politics (Political Science)
   American Religious History (History)
   Early Islamic History (History)
   Bible as Literature (English)
   Chaucer (English)
   Religion and British Literature (English)
   Philosophy of Religion (Philosophy)
   History of Music (Music)
8. New Courses Required:
(Indicate which courses -- if any -- are part of the curriculum that are not currently offered.)

The 2000-level courses in Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and Hinduism will replace RELG 3330 (Eastern Religions) and RELG 3340 (Western Religions). RELG 3010 (Classical and Contemporary Theories of Religion) is a new course.

9. Relationship of Proposed Program to Other Auburn University Programs:
(If the proposed program revision affects any other unit and/or covers material offered by another college/school, attach correspondence with relevant unit.)

Will the program revision affect other program(s) and/or units at Auburn University? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will the program revision replace any existing program(s), or specializations / options / concentrations within existing program(s) at Auburn University? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. New or Additional Resources / Resource Shifting Required:
(If "yes" for any item, please provide explanation in the space provided below.)

Will additional faculty lines be required? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will new or additional space (e.g.: laboratory or classroom) be required? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will additional library resources be required? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will additional GTA support be required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Explanation of or provision for new or additional resources / explanation of program's support or replacement of other programs:
The Philosophy Department will hire an instructor in Religious Studies, converting a position currently in Philosophy, and appoint a coordinator for the minor from amongst our current faculty.

11. Distance Education:
(If Distance Education will be incorporated in the delivery of the proposed program, provide details of implementation, scope, etc.)

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