Proposal to Change Degree Requirements For the Major

NOTE: All gray text boxes must be completed (even if you just put N/A into them), otherwise the committee must consider the form incomplete.

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1. Department: Religious Studies

2. Degree: BA

3. Semester and year in which degree change(s) will go into effect: Spring 2011

4. Change(s) Desired (Note: if the change includes deleting courses from the inventory, a Delete Course form must also be completed for each course, the Curriculum Committee does not assume the responsibility to delete the course):
We propose making a change in the sacred text requirement for Religious Studies majors by adding an additional course to the current list of courses that will satisfy the requirement. Current options are: RELS 201 "Hebrew Bible," RELS 202 "New Testament," and RELS 205 "Sacred Texts of the East."
We want to add RELS 310 "Sacred Texts" to this list with a special note that says: "Any student who takes RELS 310 to satisfy the sacred text requirement must also take two additional 300 level courses." The RELS 310 "Sacred Texts" course is currently in the inventory.

5. Justification for Change(s):
Many students take the RELS 310 Sacred Texts course without having taken any of the 200 level courses. After discussion, it was decided by RELS faculty that this course could be added to the options for meeting the requirement. However, RELS majors also have an additional requirement, namely to take two 300 level courses. We do not want RELS majors to use the RELS 310 course to satisfy two requirements simultaneously ("double dipping"). Those who choose to take RELS 310 to satisfy the sacred text requirement would still have to take "two 300 level courses" in addition to RELS 310. We asked the Registrar about this proposed change and were told that tracking this would not be a problem and that they could easily accommodate this proposed change.

6. Does the change include deleting or adding courses from other departments? If yes, what department/program? Please contact the department chair/program director and request a note or email that they are aware of the proposed change and include that note with the proposal.
No
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6. Signature of Department Chair (s) or Program Director(s):
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________

7. Signature of Dean(s) of School:
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________

8. Signature of Provost:
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________

9. Signature of Curriculum Committee Chair:
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________

10. Signature of Budget Committee Chair:
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________

11. Signature of Academic Planning Committee Chair:
   __________________________________________ Date: ________________

12. Signature of Faculty Senate Secretary:
   __________________________________________ Date approved by Senate: ________________

Completed form should be sent by the Faculty Senate Secretary to the Registrar. After implementation, information concerning the passed course and program changes will be provided by the Registrar to all faculty and staff on campus.