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GRADUATE COLLEGE

STANDARD GRADUATE MINOR APPROVAL FORM

Title of the proposed minor: Graduate Minor in Religion, Department of Religion, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Requirements:

- 12 graduate hours of courses approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Religion.
- Required: one graduate seminar in the Department of Religion.
- 8 hours of electives in Religion at the 400-level or above.
- 2 courses must be at the 500-level.

Prerequisites for the minor: No prerequisites other than graduate standing.

Expected enrollment in the minor: Expected enrollment will vary significantly from year to year. We anticipate 2-10 students. We expect that graduate students in many other departments will be interested in our Minor. This includes those departments with which we have had especially close relationships such as Educational Policy Studies, Comparative and World Literature, Classics, Philosophy, History, Anthropology, American Indian Studies, and CSAMES.

Admission to the minor: The Director of Graduate Studies will admit students into the program and advise students as to which courses will be most suitable for them, given their background.

Minor adviser: Director of Graduate Studies

Certification of successful completion: The Director of Graduate Studies will certify that each student has completed the requisite number of courses for the minor. The DGS will be responsible for signing the petition form that graduate students must complete and turn into the graduate college in order for the minor to appear on their transcript.

Budgetary and staff implications:

a. Additional staff and dollars needed

We can deliver all of the necessary courses with our current faculty. Our faculty are able to incorporate the additional teaching that will be involved without compromising their (generally considerable) contributions to undergraduate education.

b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)

Our faculty are able to incorporate the additional teaching that will be involved without compromising their contributions to undergraduate education. The proposed sequence of courses would require a faculty member to teach a seminar at most every second year. This is something that some of us do already through joint appointments and so on and is compatible with our other instructional, research, and public service activities.

c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments

The courses students will take are housed in the Department of Religion.

d. Impact on the University Library – See attached letter from the History, Philosophy and Newspaper Librarian.

e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

Most, if not all, of the new courses will be taught in existing small seminar rooms. No new equipment or new facilities are required

Statement for the catalog:

Graduate Minor

The graduate minor in Religion is designed for graduate or professional students in other disciplines who desire to complement their degree program with a study of Religion. The Minor will consist of any coherent set of at least 12 graduate hours of courses that is approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Religion. It will include at least one graduate seminar in the Department of Religion. The successful completion of a minor is noted on the student's transcript. For admission to the program contact the department.

REQUIRED COURSES	REQUIRED HOURS
Any graduate seminar in Religion	4
Graduate electives in Religion at the 400 level or above	8
Two courses must be at the 500-level	
In addition to the minor requirements, students must also complete the requirements of their major degree. The major department determines which and how many minor hours may also be applied to the major degree. Please contact your department for more information.	
Total	12

