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Administrative Boards
College of Arts and Sciences and General College

Proposed Revisions to the Major and Minor in Religious Studies, the Minor in Christianity and Culture, and the Minor in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to propose revisions to the undergraduate major and minor in **Religious Studies**. The reasons for this request is to a) include Hinduism as one of the religious traditions that we teach, due to a recent hire, b) update the affiliation of an Adjunct Assistant Professor, c) note 3 existing courses as having an honors version and one as cross-listed, and d) recognize many (31) courses that are new in the Undergraduate Bulletin. An edited version of the Undergraduate Bulletin section describing the Major and an edited version of the Undergraduate Bulletin section describing our courses are attached – please note that all the changes to the Major also need to be applied to the Minor in Religious Studies.

I am also writing to propose revisions to two minors housed in our department. For the **Minor in Christianity and Culture**, there are many (7) courses new to the Undergraduate Bulletin. An edited version of the Undergraduate Bulletin section describing the C&C minor is attached. For the **Minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies**, the reasons for this revision are to a) include many (10) courses that are new in the Undergraduate Bulletin, and b) delete a course. An edited version of the Undergraduate Bulletin section describing the IMES minor is attached.

An important note: The edits are visible in Adobe Acrobat but not in Preview. In Adobe Acrobat, if you hover over one of the blue marks all the inserted material will be visible in a side column, or you can print it out with the comments expanded (“summarize comments” function). Please let me know if you have any questions due to this formatting – I can send hard copies if it would be easier. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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STUDY OF CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE MINOR

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The undergraduate minor in the study of Christianity and culture is an interdisciplinary curriculum in the humanities, arts, and social sciences that aims to refine students' understanding of the cultural, social, and political influence of Christianity.

Department Programs

Majors

- Religious Studies Major, B.A. (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba>)
- Religious Studies Major, B.A. – Jewish Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba-jewish-studies-concentration>)

Minors

- Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/islamic-middle-eastern-studies-minor>)
- Jewish Studies Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/jewish-studies-minor>)
- Religious Studies Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-minor>)
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Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Religious Studies (<http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies>)
- Ph.D. in Religious Studies (<http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies>)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext>).

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
The minor requires the completion of five courses, including at least one course from each of the following categories.		
Core course:		3-9
RELI 161	Introduction to the History of Christian Traditions ^H	
RELI 209	Varieties of Early Christianity ^H	
RELI 225	Christian Cultures	
RELI 266	Medieval and Renaissance Christian Cultures	
RELI 332	The Protestant Tradition ^H	
Ancient, medieval, or early modern Christianity (see list below)		3-9
Christianity in the modern world (see list below)		3-9
Total Hours		15

^H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Courses must be taken from at least two different departments, and at least one must be numbered 200 or above.

Ancient, Medieval, or Early Modern Christianity

Code	Title	Hours
ARTH 264	Medieval Art in Western Europe	3
ARTH 290	Special Topics in Art History	3
ARTH 351	Crusader Art	3
ARTH 362	Early Christian Art and Modern Responses	3
ARTH 365	Late Medieval Art	3
CLAR 246	History of Early Christian and Byzantine Art	3
CLAR/JWST/RELI 110	The Archaeology of Palestine in the New Testament Period	3
CLAS 259	Pagans and Christians in the Age of Constantine	3
ENGL 227	Literature of the Earlier Renaissance ^H	3
ENGL 228	Literature of the Later Renaissance ^H	3
ENGL 319	Introduction to Medieval English Literature, excluding Chaucer ^H	3
ENGL 320	Chaucer ^H	3
GSL/RELI 218	Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages	3
HIST 106	Ancient History	3
HIST 107	Medieval History	3
HIST 177H	Honors Seminar in Early European History	3
HIST 428	The Later Roman Empire, 193 CE-378 CE	3
HIST 431	The Medieval Church	3
HIST 436	Medieval Theology, Gender, and the Body	3
HIST 452	The Renaissance: Italy, Birthplace of the Renaissance, 1300-1550	3
HIST 460	Late Medieval and Reformation Germany	3
HIST/RELI 454	The Reformation	3
ITAL 240	Dante in English Translation	3
ITAL 357	Dante, Petrarch, and Boccaccio in English	3
PHIL 215	Medieval Philosophy	3

RELI 62	First-Year Seminar: A History of Heresy: Christian Dissent from the Gnostics to the Pentecostals	3	PHIL 134/ RELI 126	Philosophy of Western Religion ^H	3
RELI 70	First-Year Seminar: Jesus in Scholarship and Film	3	RELI 72	First-Year Seminar: Apocalypse Now? Messianic Movements in America	3
RELI 104	Introduction to the New Testament ^H	3	RELI 125	Heaven and Hell	3
RELI 163	Critical Issues in Western Religious Thought	3	RELI 138	Religious Freedom	3
RELI 164	Heresy and Inquisition: Religion, Ethics, Marginalization	3	RELI 140	Religion in America ^H	3
RELI 201	Ancient Biblical Interpretation ^H	3	RELI 141	African American Religions ^H	3
RELI 207	Jesus in Myth, Tradition, and History 30-200 CE	3	RELI 142	Catholicism in America	3
RELI 208	The Birth of Christianity	3	RELI 151	Religion in Latin America	3
RELI 209	Varieties of Early Christianity ^H	3	RELI 161	Introduction to the History of Christian Traditions ^H	3
RELI 217	Gnosticism ^H	3	RELI 162	Catholicism Today: An Introduction to the Contemporary Catholic Church	3
RELI 227	Luther and the Bible	3	RELI 225	Christian Cultures	3
RELI 234	Historical Sociology of Christianity	3	RELI 236	Religious Things	3
RELI 244	Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity ^H	3	RELI 241	Messianic Movements in American History	3
RELI 266	Medieval and Renaissance Christian Cultures	3	RELI 242	New Religious Movements in America	3
RELI 362	Mary in the Christian Tradition ^H	3	RELI 245	Latina/o Religions in the United States-Mexico Borderlands ^H	3
RELI 366	Medieval Religious Texts	3	RELI 332	The Protestant Tradition ^H	3
RELI 367	The Art of Devotion in Medieval and Early Modern Europe	3	RELI 338	Religion in American Law	3
RELI 368	Race, Sexuality, and Disability in the History of Western Christianity ^H	3	RELI 340	Liberal Tradition in American Religion	3
RELI 413	Biblical Coptic and Early Egyptian Monasticism	3	RELI 352	Anthropology of Christianity	3
RELI 448	Native and Christian: Indigenous Engagements with Christianity	3	RELI 365	Studies in Christian Theologies and Theologians	3
RELI 603	The Bible and Its Translation	3	RELI 421	Religion and Science	3
RELI 607	Problems in Early Christian Literature and History ^H	3	RELI 424	Gender Theory and the Study of Religion	3
RELI 608	The Messiah and the Apocalypse	3	RELI 443	Evangelicalism in Contemporary America ^H	3
RELI 609	Christianity and Greco-Roman Culture	3	RELI 446	Christian-Jewish Relations throughout the Ages	3
RELI 610	Readings in the Apostolic Fathers	3	RELI 540	Mormonism and the American Experience	3
RELI 668	Religion and the Spanish Inquisition: Abrahamic Traditions, Indigenous Religions, and Empire	3	RELI 541	Evangelicalism from a Global Perspective ^H	3
RELI 234/ SOCI 140	Historical Sociology of Christianity	3	RELI 542	Religion and the Counterculture ^H	3
RELI/WGST 362	Mary in the Christian Tradition ^H	3	RELI 662	Advanced Seminar in Contemporary Catholicism	3
RELI 665/ WGST 664	Body and Suffering in Christian Mysticism	3	RELI/SOCI 429	Religion and Society	3
			RELI/WGST 244	Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity ^H	3
			RELI/WGST 371	Women Mystics	3
			SOCI 290	Special Topics in Sociology	3

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Christianity in the Modern World

Code	Title	Hours
AAAD 159	The History of the Black Church and Social Change	3
AAAD 210	African Belief Systems: Religion and Philosophy in Sub-Saharan Africa	3
AAAD 286	The African Diaspora in the Colonial Americas, 1450-1800	3
ANTH/FOLK/RELI 342	African-American Religious Experience	3
ARTH 352	Religious Architecture and Visual Culture in Latin America	3

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Students may also petition the Minor Faculty Advisory Committee for permission to count toward their minor requirements other potentially appropriate UNC–Chapel Hill courses, independent study courses, transfer courses, or study abroad courses.

Students also are encouraged to take language courses that relate to the minor in the study of Christianity and culture — such as Latin, Greek, or Hebrew — but language courses do not fulfill minor course requirements.

Although this minor is housed in the Department of Religious Studies, the director of Christianity and culture is responsible for advising all students who minor in the study of Christianity and culture.