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MEMORANDUM (rev. 11/13/13)

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From: Lois Zamora, Lynn Mitchell and Tom Behr
To: CLASS and UC
RE: Modifications Requested to RELS Minor
Date: November 7, 2013

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Dear CLASS and UH Colleagues,

In addition to seeking approval of the new Religious Studies B.A. degree plan, the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies is also requesting some slight changes to the existing RELS minor in order to update the list of courses available, particularly across the social sciences and humanities. These changes are being requested whether the B.A. in Religious Studies is approved or not.

The revised minor language is attached here below as Appendix A, and the old minor language as Appendix B.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A

Religious Studies Minor Requirements

A Religious Studies Minor requires a minimum of 18 semester hours.

- Students must complete at least 12 hours in residence.
- A minimum of 9 hours must be advanced; at least 6 of which must be in residence.
- Students must earn a grade point average of 2.00 or higher on all courses attempted in the minor.

The 18 required hours are to include:

1. RELS 1301 Introduction to Religious Studies
2. Three hours of *either* RELS 2310: The Bible and Western Culture I, or, RELS 2311: The Bible and Western Culture II.
3. At least six hours of RELS courses from the following list:
 - RELS 2310 The Bible and Western Culture 1 (Humanities Core)
 - RELS 2311 The Bible and Western Culture 2 (Humanities Core)
 - RELS 2330 Judaism (Humanities Core)
 - RELS 2340 Introduction to Hinduism (WID)
 - RELS 2350 Introduction to Islam (WID)
 - RELS 2360 Introduction to Buddhism(WID)
 - RELS 3330 Christianity
4. At least six hours from the following list:
 - AAS 2322 Introduction to African Religions and Philosophy
 - AAS 2330 Black Liberation Theology
 - AAS 4330 The Black Church in America
 - ANTH 3315 Muslim Peoples of the Middle East
 - ANTH 3348 Anthropology of Religion (WID)
 - ANTH 3381 Meaning, Myth and Interpretation
 - ARAB 3306 Introduction to Arabic: Culture, Language, and Islam
 - ARAB 3313 Qur'an as Literature
 - ARAB 3340 Modernity and Rationalism in Islamic Tradition (Humanities Core)
 - ARTH 2382 Medieval Art
 - ARTH 3310 Art and Architecture of India
 - ARTH 3312 Pre-Columbian Art (WID)
 - CCS 3351 African Religious Practices in the Americas
 - CCS 3393 Comparative Approaches to Indigenous Cultures in the Americas
 - CLAS 3306 Greek and Roman Myths

CLAS 3375 Roman, Jew, and Christian: The Politics and Sociology of Religion in
the First Century A.D.
ENGL 4360 Bible as Literature
HIST 4334 The Reformation in Europe
HIST 4375 Religions of Modern Latin America
JWST 2380 Introduction to Jewish Studies
PHIL 3374 Science and Religion
PHIL 3377 Philosophy of Religion
POLS 4333 Islam and Democracy
RELS 2320 Ritual and Performance
RELS 2321 Catholic Mysticism
RELS 2322 The Catholic Intellectual Tradition
RELS 2333 Us and Them: Ethical Decision-Making in Complex Cultures
RELS 2335 Rabbinic Biblical Interpretation (WID)
RELS 2366 History of Magic, Witchcraft and the Occult
RELS 2380 Religion and Film (Humanities Visual Arts)
RELS 2396 Selected Topics in Religious Studies
RELS 2397 Selected Topics in Religious Studies
RELS 3333 Religion and Literature
RELS 3335 Black Atlantic Religions
RELS 3336 Caribbean Societies and Cultures
RELS 3370 Bible and Modern Science (WID)
RELS 3375 Christianity and Ethics (WID)
RELS 3377 Belief and Disbelief
RELS 3380 Asian Religions
RELS 3381 Global Hinduism (WID)
RELS 3382 Politics and Religion in South Asia
RELS 3390 Hinduism and Jainism
RELS 3391 Sacred Texts and Mythologies of India
RELS 3396 Selected Topics in Religious Studies
RELS 3397 Selected Topics in Religious Studies
RELS 3398 Independent Study
RELS 4320 Religion and Personality
RELS 4396 Selected Topics in Religious Studies
RELS 4398 Independent Study
SOC 3362 Sociology of Religions in India (CBM submitted)
SOC 3375 Religion and Society
SOC 3385 Sociology of World Religions
WCL 2370 Cultures of India
WCL 3341 Early Islamic Society: Literature and Thought
WCL 3355 Women East and West: Global Representation of Female Divinities

Appendix B

***(existing)* Religious Studies Minor Requirements**

A Religious Studies Minor requires a minimum of 18 semester hours.

- Students must complete at least 12 hours in residence.
- A minimum of 9 hours must be advanced; at least 6 of which must be in residence.
- Students must earn a grade point average of 2.00 or higher on all courses attempted in the minor.

The 18 required hours are to include:

1. RELS 1301 Intro to Religious Studies
2. Three hours of either RELS 2310: The Bible and Western Culture I or RELS 2311: The Bible and Western Culture II.
3. At least six hours selected from other RELS courses. See list below.
4. At least three hours selected from Humanities courses. See list below. (Note: Any Religious Studies course will count as a Humanities credit, or any course from the Humanities list.)
5. At least three hours selected from Social Sciences related courses. See list below.

Religious Studies Courses

RELS 1301 Introduction to Religious Studies **
RELS 2310 The Bible and Western Culture I **
RELS 2311 The Bible and Western Culture II **
RELS 2330 Judaism **
RELS 2335 Rabbinic Biblical Interpretation ~
RELS 2340 Introduction to Hinduism ~ +
RELS 2350 Introduction to Islam ~ +
RELS 2360 Introduction to Buddhism ~ +
RELS 2380 Religion and Film >
RELS 2396 Selected Topic in Religious Studies
RELS 2397 Selected Topics in Religious Studies
RELS 3330 Christianity
RELS 3370 Bible and Modern Science (offered via Distance Education) ~
RELS 3375 Christianity and Ethics (offered via Distance Education) ~
RELS 3380 Asian Religions # +
RELS 3381 Global Hinduism ~ +
RELS 3396 Selected Topic in Religious Studies
RELS 3396 Asian Religions in America #

RELS 3396 Religions from India +
RELS 3396 Islamic Philosophy of Science ^
RELS 3396 Muslim-Christian Relations ^
RELS 3397 Selected Topic in Religious Studies
RELS 4320 Religion and Personality
RELS 4360 Clash of Civilizations ^
RELS 4396 Selected Topic in Religious Studies
RELS 4396 Islamic Spirituality ^

Humanities Courses (3 hours)

AAS 2322 Introduction to African Religions and Philosophy
AAS 4330 The Black Church in America
ARAB 3303 Quranic and Classical Arabic
CLAS 3306 Greek and Roman Myths
CLAS 3307 Greek and Roman Myths of Heroes
CLAS 3308 Myths and the Cult of Ancient Gods
GREK 1301 Elementary Greek I
GREK 1302 Elementary Greek II
GREK 1331 Introduction to Classical and Biblical Greek I
GREK 1332 Introduction to Classical and Biblical Greek II
GREK 3331 Basic Translation of Ancient/Koine Greek I
GREK 3332 Basic Translation of Ancient/Koine Greek II
HIST 3310 History of Religions in America to 1865
HIST 3311 History of Religions in America since 1865
HIST 4332 The Crusades
HIST 4334 The Reformation in Europe
HIST 4375 Religions of Modern Latin America
PHIL 3348 Philosophy and Evolution
PHIL 3374 Science and Religion
PHIL 3377 Philosophy of Religion

Social Science Courses (three hours)

RELS 3370 Bible and Modern Science
RELS 4320 Religion and Personality
RELS 4360 Clash of Civilizations
ANTH 3348 Anthropology of Religion (Writing Intensive Course)
POLS 3340 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
POLS 4333 Islam and Democracy
SOC 3375 Religion and Society
SOC 3385 Sociology of World Religions