

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

REQUEST TO ADD A TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-2018*

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. On May 13, 2015, Senior Associate Dean Richard Flores approved the new minor. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the minor on October 21, 2015, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by November 4, 2015.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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1. **Type of Proposal** New Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor
2. **Official Name:** Transcript-recognized Minor in Religious Studies Minor
3. **Proposed Implementation Date:** 2016-18 catalog
4. **Field of Study, CIP Code** (administrative unit awarding the certificate): Religion/Religious Studies 38.0201
5. **Statement of Objective:** The discipline of religious studies fosters scholarly inquiry into the nature of religion as a system of human thought and practice, into the ways in which religions influence human identity and culture, and into developments within religious traditions. A minor in religious studies will develop student expertise in the diversity of religious traditions, the influence of religion on political, social and creative interactions, and the different approaches to the study of religion.
6. **Admissions requirement (if any):** None
7. **Number of Students Expected to Receive the Transcript-Recognized Minor Each Semester:** Fifteen
8. **Anticipated Enrollment Capacity?** Thirty
9. **Number of Hours Required for Completion:**¹ Fifteen
10. **Composition of the Minor Faculty Committee (including the committee chair):**

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Martha Newman	History and Religious Studies	Chair and Associate Professor	PhD Stanford University
Steven Friesen	Religious Studies	Professor	PhD Harvard University
L Michael White	Religious Studies	Professor	PhD Yale University
John Traphagan	Religious Studies	Professor	PhD University of Pittsburgh
Jennifer Graber	Religious Studies	Associate Professor	PhD Duke University
Jonathan Schofer	Religious Studies	Associate Professor	PhD Chicago University
Chad Seales	Religious Studies	Assistant Professor	PhD University of North Carolina
Azfar Moin	Religious Studies	Assistant Professor	PhD University of Michigan
Brent Landau	Religious Studies	Lecturer	ThD Harvard University
Geoffrey Smith	Religious Studies	Lecturer (Assistant Professor as of 9/15)	PhD Princeton University
JoAnn Hackett	Middle Eastern Studies and Religious Studies	Professor	PhD Harvard University
Joel Brereton	Asian Studies and Religious Studies	Professor	PhD Yale University
Virginia Garrard Burnett	History and Religious Studies	Professor	PhD Tulane University
Oliver Freiberger	Asian Studies and Religious Studies	Associate Professor	Ph.D., Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany

Alison Frazier	History and Religious Studies	Associate Professor	PhD Columbia University
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11. Academic Course Requirements: Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this minor program.

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH
302	History of the Religions of Asia	3
304	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: An Introduction	3
305	Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion	3
306.1	The Roots Of Religious Toleration	3
306.2	Literature and Religion	3
306C	Comparative Religious Ethics	3
310	Introduction to the Study of Religion	3
312C	Introduction to Buddhism	3
313.1	Jews in America: The Yiddish Experience	3
313C	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
313M	Jewish Civilization: Beginnings to 1492	3
313N	Jewish Civilization: 1492 to the Present	3
314K	Introduction to the Middle East: Religious, Cultural, and Historical Foundations	3
315.1	The Bible and Its Interpreters	3
315N	Introduction to the New Testament	3
316U.1	History of Religion in the US	3
318	The Rise of Christianity	3
319	Introduction to Islam	3
321	History of Hindu Religious Traditions	3
322	History of Indian Buddhism	3
325	Prophet of Islam: His Life and Times	3
325G	The Qur'an	3
326	History of Religion in America since 1800	
335	Jesus in History and Tradition	3
341	Topics in Religions of South Asia	3
341.1	Indian Philosophies	3
341.2	Diversity of Indian Traditions	3
341.3	Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in Indian Religions and Cultures	3
341.5	Gandhi and Gandhism	3
341.6	Muslim India before 1750	3
341.8	Buddhist Art	3
341.9	The Taj Mahal and the Diversity of Indian Art	3
341.11	Indian Poetry And Religion	3
341.12	South Asian Saints And Yogis	3
341.13	Devotion In South India	3

341.14	Living Epics of India	3
341.15	Karma: Ethical Theories of India	3
341.16	Nonconformist Thinkers of India	3
341G	Yoga as Philosophy and Practice	3
344	The Age of Reformation	3
345	Islamic Spain and North Africa to 1492	3
346.2	Religion in American Political Thought	3
346.5	U.S. Catholic History	3
346.6	Evangelical Christianity	3
346.7	The Black Church in African American Politics	3
346.8	Representation Of Jews In The American Public Sphere	3
346.9	American Jewish Material Culture	3
346.10	History Of Islam In The US	3
346C	Religion and Visual Culture in the United States	3
346D	Native American Religion	3
346E	Religion & Film	3
352.3	Religion and Rebellion in Modern East Asia	3
352.4	Ritual and Religion in Korea	3
352.6	The Asian Perspective on Death and Dying	3
352.7	Religion in Japanese History	3
352.8	Japanese Concepts of Body and Self	3
352.9	Religion and Family in Japanese Society	3
352.10	Confucianism	3
352.11	Self-Cultivation In Traditional China	3
353.1	Revelation & Apocalyptic Literature	3
353.2	Paul and His Social World	3
353.3	The Sacred and the Secular in Contemporary Jewish Literature	3
353D	The Dead Sea Scrolls	3
353E	Beyond the New Testament	3
354D	The Bible and History	3
355	The Bible as Literature	3
355K	The Bible in British and American Literature	3
357.1	Heresy and the Inquisition	3
357.2	Byzantine Art	3
357.6	Northern Renaissance Art, 1500-1600	3
357.7	Northern Renaissance Art, 1350-1500	3
357.8	Spinoza And Modernity	3
357.9	The Church And The Jews	3
357.10.	The Spanish Inquisition	3
357.11	Age Rembrt/Rubens: N Baroq Art	3
357.12	Heretics and Freedom Fighters, 1350-1650	3

357.13	Jews of Eastern Europe	3
357.14	Gothic Cathedral: Amiens	3
357.15	Birgitta, Hildegard, Margery	3
357.16	Northern Gods, Northern Faiths: The Conversion of Scandinavians, Finns, Northern Slavs and Shamans	3
357.17	Introduction to Germanic Religion and Myth	3
357.18	Holocaust Aftereffects	3
358	Topics in the Religions of the Middle East	3
358.2	Medieval Islam: Faith and History	3
358.4	Sufism and Islamic Mysticism	3
358.5	Veiling in the Muslim World	3
358.8	Gender Politics In The Islamic World	3
358.9	Islamic Law	3
358.10.	Classical Islamic Studies	3
358.11	Sacred And Ceremonial Textiles	3
358.12	Muslim Women: Past/Present I	3
358.13	Muslim Women: Past/Present II	3
358.14	Islamic Theology	3
358.15	Religions Of The Middle East	3
358.16	French Empire: The West and Islam.	3
358.17	Arts of Islam 650-1500	3
358.18	Arts of Islam 1500 – present	3
358.19	Muslim Women in Politics	3
358.20	Gender and Art in the Muslim World	3
358.21	Graffiti and Poster Art in the Islamic World	3
360.1	Jesus, Africa, and History	3
362	Independent Research in Religious Studies	3
365.1	Rome and Jerusalem	3
365.3	In Search of King David	3
368.1	Church and State in Latin America	3
368.3	The Religious Tradition in Latin America	3
368.4	Religion, Conquest, and Conversion in Colonial Latin America	3
373.3	Goddesses in World Religions and Cultures	3
373.4	Sport, Religion, and Society	3
373.5	Creation	3
373M	Biomedicine, Ethics, and Culture	3
375S.1	What is Religion?	3
375S.2	Introduction to Comparative Religion	3
375S.3	Mystics, Visionaries and Heretics in Medieval Europe	3
375S.4	Radical Religion: Ascetics	3

12. Other Minor Requirements:

13. College/School Approval Process:

Approver: Richard Flores Date: May 13, 2015

Title: Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

Transcript-Recognized Minor in Religious Studies

1. Fifteen hours of course work from an approved list.
2. At least six hours upper-division coursework
3. RS 310: Introduction to the Study of Religion
4. A student may not earn a minor in the same field of study as his or her major, and at least nine of the hours required for the minor must include coursework not used to satisfy the requirements of the student's major. However, courses in the minor may fulfill other degree requirements such as general education requirements or required elective hours.
5. Fifty percent of coursework to be taken in residence
6. Specified coursework cannot include unnumbered topics

¹ See footnote ¹A.b. above: fifteen to eighteen hours are required.