

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Proposed effective term

Semester Year

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program
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Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

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☐ **Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.**

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Current:

- Major requirements in Religious Studies: The major must complete 33 hours of coursework in Religious Studies, complying with the following requirements:

1. 18 of these 33 hours must be at the upper division level.
2. Required courses are 230 (Hebrew Scriptures) or 231 (Hebrew Prophets); 232 (Christian Scriptures); 263 (Eastern Religions); 264 (Western Religions); and any 447 Seminar in Religious Studies or another 400 level seminar.
3. In addition to the five required courses listed in #2, students must also take at least one course in each of the following distributional areas: Asian Religions, Western Religions, Sacred Texts, and Religion in America. Courses that meet the distribution requirements are listed in the table below.
4. In order to provide flexibility, the Asian religions distributional requirements (263 and another Asian religions course) and the Western religions distributional requirements (264 and another Western religions course) may also be met by appropriate pairs of general courses that together cover Asian and Western religions respectively. Thus, for example, the Asian religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses, one in Hinduism and one in Buddhism, and the Western religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses that cover the major Western traditions (i.e. Judaism, Christianity, or Islam).

Revised:

- Major requirements in Religious Studies: The major must complete 33 hours of coursework in Religious Studies, complying with the following requirements:

1. 18 of these 33 hours must be at the upper division level.
2. Required courses are 230 (Hebrew Scriptures) or 231 (Hebrew Prophets); 232 (Christian Scriptures); 263 (Eastern Religions); 264 (Western Religions); and 452 Theories of Religion, the capstone course.
3. In addition to the five required courses listed in #2, students must also take at least one course in each of the following distributional areas: Asian Religions, Western Religions, Sacred Texts, and Religion in America. Courses that meet the distribution requirements are listed in the table below.
4. In order to provide flexibility, the Asian religions distributional requirements (263 and another Asian religions course) and the Western religions distributional requirements (264 and another Western religions course) may also be met by appropriate pairs of general courses that together cover Asian and Western religions respectively. Thus, for example, the Asian religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses, one in Hinduism and one in Buddhism, and the Western religions requirements may also be met by taking two courses that cover the major Western traditions (i.e. Judaism, Christianity, or Islam).

This course has been offered regularly by one of the Senior or Principal Lecturers in Religious Studies as a Topics course. Hence no additional budget allocation will be required to continue offering this course.

