Curriculum Change Proposal Form

Unit proposing the change: Religion and Philosophy

Please check all that apply:

| Changes to academic major or minor; course titles, descriptions, number changes within level; prerequisites | Course additions, cross-listings or deletions; course level changes; change in course credit hours; change in grading S/U to A-F and A-F to S/U |
| Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (Copy to Div. Chair.) | Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature. |

| Student-designed majors, non-credit workshops. | Statements of academic philosophy or policy; additions or deletions of majors, minors, or other programs; degree requirements; additions, deletions, or change of category for Gen Ed courses. |
| Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair.) | Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature. |

| Special courses or credit workshops. | Other (Explain in 1 below) |
| Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (Copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature. | See VPAA for details regarding approval requirements. |

*Required prior to submission to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

NOTE: See APAP section 110 for more information regarding changes to curriculum.

1. Detailed description of the proposed change: Moving RELG 353: Religion and Gender from “Religious Understanding” to “Cultural Diversity.”

2. Justification for change: This cross-cultural study of gender deals with how culture influences bodies. While religion is an important aspect of this, studying religious belief is not the focus of the course. It seems more fitting to include this course in Cultural Diversity given the aims of that category.

3. Proposed term of initial offering or implementation date: Spring 2016

4. As applicable, please provide or attach the following information:
   a) Course subject and number (or proposed number): RELG 353
   b) Course title: Religion and Gender
   c) Credit hours: 3
   d) Recommended level: FR SO JR SR
   e) Prerequisites or other special conditions (if any): None
   f) Requirements it will satisfy (major, minor, Gen Ed, licensure): Elective in the Major or Minor, Gen Ed
   g) Proposed catalog description: explores cross-cultural religious communities by focusing on the interplay of religion and gender. Special consideration will be given to the role of myths and symbols in determining power and gender relations. (current description in catalog)
h) Describe any potential impact(s) of this change, such as course prerequisites, majors/minors, interdisciplinary programs, licensure requirements, etc.:

While RELG 353 will be removed from the Religious Understanding requirement, there are sufficient courses to fill the category.

➢ REQUIRED: Attach documentation of notification of affected parties. [ ]

i) Staffing considerations:
   [✓] Can be taught by present staff
   [ ] Will require additional staff

j) Anticipated frequency of offering:
   [ ] Every semester
   [✓] Once a year
   [ ] Alternate years

k) Resources required (facilities, equipment, supplies, library materials, etc.): N/A

5. Signatures:

Department Chair or Program Coordinator: [Signature]

➢ Please attach summary of department discussion. [ ]

This was part of our ongoing deliberations about how we would populate the new Gen Ed categories as they emerged last Spring. We made the initial decision last Spring, with no concerns voiced at our meeting then. We reaffirmed the decision both at our meeting during Fall Faculty Conference and then as part of our deliberations surrounding the 11/4/14 Division meeting.

Department Vote:
   In favor 5    Opposed 0    Abstentions 0

Date: 11/4/14

Vice President of Graduate and Continuing Studies: (if applicable) __________________________

In favor or Opposed or Abstain (circle one)
(Please attach comments)

Date: ___/___/___

Teacher Preparation Programs [Initial Licensure]: (if applicable) __________________________

In favor or Opposed or Abstain (circle one)
(Please attach comments)

Date: ___/___/___

Division Chair: [Signature]

➢ Please attach summary of division discussion(s). [ ]

Division Vote:
   In favor 31    Opposed 0    Abstentions 0

Date: 11/4/14
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair (VPAA): __________________________

Curriculum Committee Vote:
   In favor ___  Opposed ___  Abstentions ___

Date: ___/___/____
Arts and Humanities Division Discussion
Curriculum Change Proposal—New General Education for the Liberal Arts and Sciences

November 4, 2014

The Arts and Humanities Division, after hearing a presentation on the justification for this proposal, thought it was an appropriate course for the new general education curriculum. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Nutt