

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION MAJOR WORKSHEET

Distribution:

COURSES SELECTED:

TERM:

Prerequisites: REL 1

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Distribution Requirements:

1) Two from INTRODUCTORY (REL 2-19*)
*Excluding First-Year Seminar (REL 7)

1a) _____

1b) _____

2) Three from INTERMEDIATE (REL 20-79*)
*ONE MUST BE EITHER 75, 76, 77 OR 78

2a) _____

2b) _____

2c) _____

3) One on-campus SEMINAR (REL 80 OR 81)

3) _____

4) One Culminating Experience (REL 84-87):
Advanced Independent Study, OR
Senior Colloquium, OR Honors Program
*Requires Chair approval.

4) _____

5) Two Religion ELECTIVES (or one if REL 86 and 87
are used to satisfy the Culminating Experience
requirement)

5a) _____

5b) _____

6) One of the above must be NON-WESTERN

6) _____

7) Three of the above must form a CONCENTRATION
(see Department's *Areas of Concentration* worksheet)

7a) _____

7b) _____

7c) _____

TEN Required Courses Total

I wish to apply for the HONORS PROGRAM

My thesis topic *might* be: _____

Transfer Credits

No more than three transfer courses, which may include Religion 70, 71 and 72 (on D.F.S.P.), will be accepted for major credit. All transfer courses must be approved in advance by the Department Chair.

NON-RECORDING OPTION

No course with a grade of NR resulting from use of the Non-Recording Option may be counted for the Religion major, modified major, or minor.

Major Card

1 copy of the card is for the Religion Department office.

1 copy of the card is for the Registrar.

1 copy of the card is for your records.

My Advisor is: _____

Note: The Department chair will be considered the Advisor by default in the absence of faculty listed above.

Religion Department Areas of Concentration

The Department of Religion represents a remarkable breadth in terms of the study of religion. Among us, we have experts who cover religious traditions that span the globe and also the last five millennia. Our students typically manifest this breadth in their courses of study, through their taking of classes that consider both western and non-western religious traditions, in addition to classes that examine religious traditions both ancient and modern.

Still, we believe strongly that breadth should be complemented by depth, which is to say: the courses any major takes that span the larger field of religion should be complemented by courses that concentrate on one particular area of study. Majors are thus asked to identify an Area of Concentration within the major from among the fields identified below. Three courses within your major should fall within your chosen area. This includes seminars or Honors Thesis courses. (NOTE: Courses used for Approaches to the Study of Religion requirement cannot be simultaneously used to satisfy the Area of Concentration requirement. You may, however, take one Approaches to the Study of Religion course—Religion 20-24—for the major requirement and then take a second Approaches to the Study of Religion course for the Area Concentration requirement.)

Identifying an Area of Concentration will help you in your work in Religion 85, the Senior Culminating Course, and, perhaps, in choosing a focus for Honors Thesis work. For further information, please consult with the Chair or your preferred major advisor and notify the Department office of the Area of Concentration in which you wish to be enrolled.

Areas of Concentration*

- A. Generalist Studies in Religion: all Religion courses except Religion 1 and 85
- B. Gender Studies in Religion: 13, 14, 31, 42, 48, 51, 52, 56
- C. Philosophical Studies in Religion: 2, 3, 11, 20, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30, 35, 36, 62, 63, 70
- D. Religions of the Mediterranean World: 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 16, 20, 25, 27, 31, 33, 34, 56, 57, 58, 78
- E. Islamic Studies: 8, 16, 25, 26, 27, 28
- F. Religions of Asia: 9, 10, 18, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 48, 49
- G. African and African-American Religions: 14, 17, 50, 51, 52, 61
- H. Reading of Sacred Texts: 4, 5, 20, 27, 41, 56, 57, 58, 78
- I. Religion in the Modern World: 3, 12, 16, 17, 21, 23, 26, 35, 36, 60, 61, 62
- J. Approaches to the Study of Religion: 75, 76, 77, 78

* Note: This list is also meant to comprise topics courses (REL 40, 41, 49, 57, 58, and 74), experimental curriculum courses (REL 19 and 79), and seminars (REL 80 and 81) that reasonably fit under these headings. Consult with your major advisor.