DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Add new courses:

REST 103 – World Religions in the U.S.
3 Credit Hours
Introduction to global religious traditions and issues, focusing on the diversity of lived religions in the United States.

REST 301 – Religion and Nonprofit Leadership
3 Credit Hours
An exploration of how religion plays a role in nonprofit leadership, including overviews of the historical background of religion and nonprofits, different kinds of nonprofit organizations, and specific leadership strategies.

REST 306 – Contemporary Christian Thought
3 Credit Hours
Selected issues and themes in recent scholarly reflection on how best to articulate Christian traditions, in dialogue with contemporary social and intellectual contexts. Writing-emphasis course.

REST 382 – Mindfulness
3 Credit Hours
Introduction to the history and practice of mindfulness from its Asian Buddhist roots through its global spread, transformations, and applications in the fields of health care, business, education, and social work.

REST 481 – Public Health in Holocaust Ghettos
3 Credit Hours
Explores a myriad of public health issues connected with incarceration in ghettos during World War II. Students will engage in research on the topic using primary source materials including oral histories, documents, and other available resources.
Repeatability: May be repeated. Maximum 6 hours.

REST 494 – Internship
3 Credit Hours
Gain experience in nonprofit leadership and management by interning at a 501(c)(3) organization, with a focus on the role religion plays in the nonprofit sector.
Repeatability: May be repeated once.
(RE) Prerequisite(s): 300, 301
(RE) Corequisite(s): ALEC 202, ALEC 203, ALEC 410, BUAD 410, CMST 446, ELPS 201, ENT 410, ENT 410S, JREM 499, MGT 472, PYED 246, RSM 201, or RSM 334.
Registration Restriction: Religious Studies major, Religion and Nonprofit Leadership concentration.

REST 581 – Public Health in Holocaust Ghettos
3 Credit Hours
Explores a myriad of public health issues connected with incarceration in ghettos during World War II. Students will engage in research on the topic using primary source materials including oral histories, documents, and other available resources.
Repeatability: May be repeated. Maximum 6 hours.

Drop course:

REST 401 – Texts and the Study of Texts
3 Credit Hours

Revise Title:

REST 225 – Judaism, Christianity, Islam
3 Credit Hours
Formerly: Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, Islam
(Same as Middle East Studies 225.)
Religious Studies is primary.

REST 227 – Honors: Judaism, Christianity, Islam
3 Credit Hours
Formerly: Honors: Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, Islam

REST 280 – Religions of Asia
3 Credit Hours
Formerly: Introduction to the Religions of Asia

REST 311 – Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
3 Credit Hours
(Same as Judaic Studies 311.)
Formerly: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
Religious Studies is primary.

REST 312 – Early Judaism
3 Credit Hours
(Same as Judaic Studies 312.)
Formerly: Introduction to Early Judaism
Religious Studies is primary.
REST 322 – Martyrs and Monks: Christian History, 100-800 CE
3 Credit Hours
(Same as History-Europe 322.)
Formerly: Christianity in Late Antiquity
Religious Studies is primary.

REST 354 – Popular Religion in the United States
3 Credit Hours
(Same as American Studies 354.)
Formerly: Religion and Popular Culture in the United States
Religious Studies is primary.

REST 373 – African Religions
3 Credit Hours
(Same as Africana Studies 373; Anthropology 373.)
Formerly: Religions of Africa
Religious Studies is primary.

REST 379 – Chinese Religions
3 Credit Hours
Formerly: Religions of China

REST 380 – American Buddhism
3 Credit Hours
Formerly: Buddhism in the Americas

REST 381 – Judaism
3 Credit Hours
(Same as Judaic Studies 381.)
Formerly: Introduction to Judaism
Religious Studies is Primary

REST 383 – Japanese Religions
3 Credit Hours
Formerly: Religions of Japan

Add new program:

Religious Studies Major, BA – Religion and Nonprofit Leadership Concentration
The Religion and Nonprofit Leadership concentration consists of 33 hours.

I. Complete (12 hours):
REST 300 – Method and Theory in Religious Studies  
REST 301 – Religion and Nonprofit Leadership  
REST 494 – Internship  
REST 499 – Advanced Seminar in the Study of Religion  

II. Select one course from each of the following areas (12 hours):  
A. Mediterranean and the Middle East  
REST 311 – Hebrew Bible/Old Testament  
REST 312 – Early Judaism  
REST 322 – Martyrs and Monks: Christian History, 100-800 CE  
REST 332 – Introduction to Islam  
REST 335 – Islam and the Body  
REST 336 – The Qur’an and the Literatures of Islam  
REST 339 – Islam in the Modern World  
REST 381 – Judaism  
REST 385 – Contemporary Jewish Thinkers  
REST 386 – Voices of the Holocaust  

B. North America and Africa  
REST 306 – Contemporary Christian Thought  
REST 353 – Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in North America  
REST 354 – Religion and Popular Culture in the United States  
REST 355 – Topics in North American Religion  
REST 356 – Rastafari and Afro-Caribbean Religions  
REST 359 – American Religious History  
REST 360 – Witchcraft, Magic, and Religion  
REST 361 – The American Jewish Experience  
REST 373 – African Religions  
REST 380 – American Buddhism  

C. South, Southeast, and East Asia  
REST 319 – Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in Asia  
REST 372 – Contemporary Buddhism  
REST 374 – Hindu Traditions  
REST 375 – Theravada Buddhism  
REST 376 – Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia  
REST 379 – Chinese Religions  
REST 382 – Mindfulness  
REST 383 – Japanese Religions  

D. Methods and Issues in Religious Studies  
REST 302 – Anthropology of Religion  
REST 303 – Sociology of Religion  
REST 305 – Contemporary Religious Thought and Practice  
REST 320 – Gender and Religion
III. Select one course from the following list (3 hours):
ALEC 202 – Leadership and Diversity in Organizations and Communities
ALEC 303 – Analysis of Leadership Approaches and Styles
ALEC 410 – Ethical Leadership in Agriculture
BUAD 410 – Leadership Perspectives
CMST 446 – Leadership
ELPS 201 – Foundations of Leadership Studies
ENT 410 – Leadership in Nonprofits and Social Entrepreneurship
ENT 410S – Leadership in Nonprofits and Social Entrepreneurship
JREM 499 – Enterprise and Leadership in Media
MGT 472 – Managing People in the Global Environment
PYED 246 – Outdoor Leadership
RSM 201 – Foundations of Recreation and Principles of Leadership
RSM 334 – Sport and Community Development

IV. Select 6 hours
any remaining Religious Studies courses (at least 3 hours must be taken at the 300 level or
above; no more than 3 hours may be taken at the 200-level

Add new minor:

Religious Studies Minor – Religion and Nonprofit Leadership
Minor Requirements
The minor consists of 15 hours in the department of Religious Studies. No more than 3 hours
may be taken at the 200 level. Students are encouraged to discuss their program with a faculty
member in the department.

I. Complete (6 hours)
REST 300 – Method and Theory in Religious Studies
REST 301 – Religion and Nonprofit Leadership

II. Select one course from the following list (3 hours):
ALEC 202 – Leadership and Diversity in Organizations and Communities
ALEC 303 – Analysis of Leadership Approaches and Styles
ALEC 410 – Ethical Leadership in Agriculture
BUAD 410 – Leadership Perspectives
CMST 446 – Leadership
ELPS 201 – Foundations of Leadership Studies
ENT 410 – Leadership in Nonprofits and Social Entrepreneurship
ENT 410S – Leadership in Nonprofits and Social Entrepreneurship
JREM 499 – Enterprise and Leadership in Media
MGT 472 – Managing People in the Global Environment
III. Select 6 hours
any remaining Religious Studies courses

Delete description of the Religious Studies Major, BA and substitute with the following:

Religious Studies Major, BA
Majors will be required to take 33 hours of courses
I. Complete:
REST 300 – Method and Theory in Religious Studies
REST 499 – Advanced Seminar in the Study of Religion

II. Select one course from each of the following areas (12 hours):
A. Mediterranean and the Middle East
REST 311 – Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
REST 312 – Early Judaism
REST 322 – Martyrs and Monks: Christian History, 100-800 CE
REST 332 – Introduction to Islam
REST 335 – Islam and the Body
REST 336 – The Qur’an and the Literatures of Islam
REST 339 – Islam in the Modern World
REST 381 – Judaism
REST 385 – Contemporary Jewish Thinkers
REST 386 – Voices of the Holocaust

B. North America and Africa
REST 306 – Contemporary Christian Thought
REST 353 – Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in North America
REST 354 – Religion and Popular Culture in the United States
REST 355 – Topics in North American Religion
REST 356 – Rastafari and Afro-Caribbean Religions
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REST 361 – The American Jewish Experience
REST 373 – African Religions
REST 380 – American Buddhism

C. South, Southeast, and East Asia
REST 319 – Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in Asia
REST 372 – Contemporary Buddhism
REST 374 – Hindu Traditions
REST 375 – Theravada Buddhism
REST 376 – Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia
REST 379 – Chinese Religions
REST 382 – Mindfulness
REST 383 – Japanese Religions

D. Methods and Issues in Religious Studies
REST 302 – Anthropology of Religion
REST 303 – Sociology of Religion
REST 305 – Contemporary Religious Thought and Practice
REST 320 – Gender and Religion

III. Select 15 hours
any remaining Religious Studies courses (at least 3 hours must be at the 400-level, and no more than 6 hours may be taken at the 200-level)

Delete description of the Religious Studies Major, BA – Honors Concentration and substitute with the following:

Religious Studies Major, BA – Honors Concentration
The honors concentration consists of 33 hours. Students must have an overall GPA of 3.25 to be accepted to the honors concentration. To graduate with honors the student must maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.25 and pass 407 and 408 with at least a 3.3 in each class. Students interested in the honors concentration should consult the department's honors coordinator.

I. Complete:
REST 300 – Method and Theory in Religious Studies
REST 407 – Honors: Senior Thesis I
REST 408 – Honors: Senior Thesis II
REST 499 – Advanced Seminar in the Study of Religion

II. Select one course from each of the following areas (12 hours):
A. Mediterranean and the Middle East
REST 311 – Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
REST 312 – Early Judaism
REST 322 – Martyrs and Monks: Christian History, 100-800 CE
REST 332 – Introduction to Islam
REST 335 – Islam and the Body
REST 336 – The Qur’an and the Literatures of Islam
REST 339 – Islam in the Modern World
REST 381 – Judaism
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REST 386 – Voices of the Holocaust
B. North America and Africa
REST 306 – Contemporary Christian Thought
REST 353 – Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in North America
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REST 379 – Chinese Religions
REST 382 – Mindfulness
REST 383 – Japanese Religions

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REST 302 – Anthropology of Religion
REST 303 – Sociology of Religion
REST 305 – Contemporary Religious Thought and Practice
REST 320 – Gender and Religion

III. Select 6 additional hours of honors-by-contract courses in Religious Studies numbered 300 or above.

IV. Select 3 additional hours:
any religious studies courses numbered 300 or above