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RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR, B.A. – 2020-2021

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

Two lower-division Religious Studies courses, except language courses.................................8

Students may select 1 lower-division course from Area A and 1 lower-division course from Area B. Alternatively, by petition students may select 2 lower-division courses from Area A, provided that they represent different cultural areas and traditions.

A. Introductions to Cultural Areas and Traditions: Rg St 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 47, 61, 61B, 71, 73, 80A-B-C, 84
B. Introductions to Topics in the Study of Religion: Rg St 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 24, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 62, 74, 81, 82, 83, 85

UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR

36 UD Religious Studies units are required, distributed as follows:

A. Cultural Areas and Traditions ...........................................................................................................24
   6 courses (24 units) chosen from the following five areas, including at least 3 courses (12 units) in one area of emphasis and at least 2 courses (8 units) in a second area of emphasis:
   5. Comparative and Thematic Studies: By petition students may combine any courses from upper-division Areas A and B to create a custom comparative or thematic course of study (see the Department Undergraduate Advisor for more information).

B. Topics in the Study of Religion .................................................................................................8

C. Capstone Experience .................................................................................................................4
   All students must complete Problems in the Study of Religion (Rg St 104) in their Junior or Senior year or write a Senior Honors Thesis (Rg St 195) under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The department recommends that all students complete Rg St 104 in their Junior year and that honors students complete Rg St 104 in addition to writing a Senior Honors Thesis.

Notes:
1) Upper-division courses listed above in more than one area can be applied only to one area.
2) Up to 4 upper-division units from related courses in other departments may be applied to the major by petition.
3) Up to 4 units of Rg St 199 (Independent Study) may apply toward Area A of the upper-division major.

MAJOR REGULATIONS

PREREQUISITES .................................................................Check the General Catalog for the prerequisites to all listed courses.
P/NP GRADING OPTION .............................................Not allowed for any major course (Prep or UD major), including courses applied to the major from other departments.
SUBSTITUTIONS ..........................................................In the major requirements permissible only by petition to the department chair and dean.
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS .................................At least 20 UD units in major while in residence at UCSB.
G.P.A. REQUIREMENTS ..............................................At least 2.0 overall UC average in all upper-division major courses and all courses (Prep and UD) for the major.
DOUBLE MAJORS .........................................................With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously to both UD majors.