1. Submitting College: CLASS

2. Department(s) Generating the Proposal: Liberal Arts

3. Proposal Title: Proposal to change religious studies course designations

4. Course Number(s) and Titles: RPHS 3121, The Bible as Literature: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible; RPHS 3122, The Bible as Literature: Introduction to the New Testament and Apocrypha*; RPHS 3231, Introduction to Eastern Religions; RPHS 4221, The Jewish and Islamic Traditions; RPHS 4311, Mysticism; RPHS 4601, Special Topics in Religion

*Indicates a course that has already been approved through the curriculum process, but has not been added to the catalog

5. Effective Date: Spring 2012

6. Brief Summary of Proposal:

The BOR has mandated that all philosophy courses have the PHIL designation, and that basic courses share the same course number across the USG. This will require religious studies courses to have a separate designation, which will be RELS.

7. Type of Proposal: Change to course designations and some numbers

8. Impact on Library Holdings: None

   Existing:
   Additional:
   Deletions:

9. Impact on Existing Programs: None

10. Additional Resources Required: None

   Personnel:
   Non-personnel:

11. Approvals:

   Department Curriculum Committee Signature __________________________ Date Oct 12/11

   Department Chair Signature __________________________ Date 15 OCT 11

   College Curriculum Committee Signature __________________________ Date ______________

   College Dean Signature __________________________ Date ______________

   Vice President of Academic Affairs Signature __________________________ Date ______________
   (Chair of the New Programs and Curriculum Committee)

   Faculty Senate Signature __________________________ Date ______________
1. **Course Number**
   - Current: RPHS 3121
   - New: RELS 3121

2. **Course Title**
   - Current: The Bible as Literature: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
   - New: no change

3. **Catalog Description**
   - Current: An introduction to the books of the Hebrew Bible, with emphasis on rhetorical and literary-critical analysis.
   - New: no change

4. **Rationale:**
   - To bring our catalog into compliance with BOR mandate.

5. **Library Resource Statement**
   - Existing: none
   - Additional: none
   - Deletions: none

6. **Credit Hours**
   - Current: 3
   - New: no change

7. **Pre-requisites**
   - Current: ENGL 1102
   - New: no change
   - Deletions: Click here to enter text.

8. **Syllabus:**
   - no change

9. **Similarity to or Duplication of Existing Courses:**
   - Replaces area designation of existing course

10. **Textbook Change (include title, author and ISBN#)**
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11. **Grading Method**
    - Current: no change
    - New: Click here to enter text.
1. **Course Number**
   - Current: RPHS 3122
   - New: RELS 3122

2. **Course Title**
   - Current: The Bible as Literature: Introduction to the New Testament and Apocrypha
   - New: no change

3. **Catalog Description**
   - Current: An introduction to the books of the New Testament and the Apocrypha, with emphasis on rhetorical and literary-critical analysis.
   - New: no change

4. **Rationale:** To bring our catalog into compliance with BOR mandate.

5. **Library Resource Statement**
   - Existing: none
   - Additional: none
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6. **Credit Hours**
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1. **Course Number**
   - Current: RPHS 3231
   - New: RELS 3231

2. **Course Title**
   - Current: Introduction to Eastern Religions
   - New: no change

3. **Catalog Description**
   - Current: A study of the teachings of Taoism, Confucianism, Hinduism, and the various sects of Buddhism.
   - New: no change

4. **Rationale:**
   To bring our catalog into compliance with BOR mandate.

5. **Library Resource Statement**
   - Existing: none
   - Additional: none
   - Deletions: none

6. **Credit Hours**
   - Current: 3
   - New: no change

7. **Pre-requisites**
   - Current: PHIL 2010 or permission of instructor
   - New: no change
   - Deletions: Click here to enter text.

8. **Syllabus:** no change

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11. **Grading Method**
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1. **Course Number**
   - Current: RPHS 4221
   - New: RELS 4221

2. **Course Title**
   - Current: The Jewish and Islamic Traditions
   - New: no change

3. **Catalog Description**
   - Current: A study of religious thought as it has influenced the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Koran.
   - New: no change

4. **Rationale:**
   - To bring our catalog into compliance with BOR mandate.

5. **Library Resource Statement**
   - Existing: none
   - Additional: none
   - Deletions: none

6. **Credit Hours**
   - Current: 3
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7. **Pre-requisites**
   - Current: PHIL 2010 or permission of instructor
   - New: no change
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8. **Syllabus:**
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11. **Grading Method**
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1. **Course Number**
   - **Current:** RPHS 4311
   - **New:** RELS 4311

2. **Course Title**
   - **Current:** Mysticism
   - **New:** no change

3. **Catalog Description**
   - **Current:** A survey of the common threads of mysticism found in Hinduism, Buddhism, the Sufi sect of Islam, Christianity, and the literature of Persia, China, Japan, India, and western civilization.
   - **New:** no change

4. **Rationale:** To bring our catalog into compliance with BOR mandate.

5. **Library Resource Statement**
   - **Existing:** none
   - **Additional:** none
   - **Deletions:** none

6. **Credit Hours**
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   - **New:** no change

7. **Pre-requisites**
   - **Current:** PHIL 2010 or permission of instructor
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8. **Syllabus:** no change

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