1. PROGRAM:

Interdisciplinary Graduate Specialization in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

2. UNIT RESPONSIBLE:

Comparative Studies; Greek & Latin; History; History of Art; NELC

3. PROGRAM RATIONALE:

a. **Program Goals:**

The program is designed for students who want add a specialization in ancient Mediterranean religions to their Ph.D. in Greek & Latin, History, History of Art, or Near Eastern Studies. In addition to the goals in the single participating departments, there are 3 more goals:

- 1. Knowledge of the religious worlds of one or several ancient cultures, their documents, and their history
- 2. Knowledge of the methodologies of the study of religion, and of the history of these studies
- 3. Ability to do research in ancient religions in a way that understands the specificity of religion.

In addition to the coursework that is specific for the single departmental Ph.D.s, the Interdisciplinary Specialization requires

- 1. A course on methodology such as CL CL5401 Methodologies for the Study of Ancient Religions, or the resp. course offered at CompStudies.
- 2. Three elective courses at the 5000, 6000, 7000 or 8000 level from the offerings of any of the participating departments.

b. Conversion:

The program is converted without any change in the overall program goals, and only the minimal changes to curriculum requirements that are the result of the new calendar framework.