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Subject: Re: Revision BA Religious Studies
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Hi Bernadette,

Thanks for your help and advice. Attached here is a revision of the proposal statement. The number of hours required has been returned to 121.

The rest of the forms should be fine. The statement that explains the conditions under which a research course is required is on the advising sheet, under number 4, Research Course.

Are we good to go?

Barry

On Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 2:05 PM, Vankeerbergen, Bernadette <vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu> wrote:

Barry,

It is probably a good idea to have this quickly go through the A&H Panel again (should go fast).

That said, I have one comment and one question about the list of additional changes that you present below:

- The faculty rules specify that a BA degree needs to consist of a minimum of 121 semester hrs. So could you please change that point back in the attached proposal?
- Where is the passage about insertion of language about research course requirement only for those taking 4990? I could not find it in the 4 docs e-mailed to me.

I await your corrections/response and then we'll take this again to the A&H Panel.

Best,

Bernadette

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Subject: Re: Revision BA Religious Studies

Dear Bernadette,

Attached to this message please find revised versions of our Religious Studies Major Proposal, a new Curricular Map, a new Advising Sheet, and a new Sample Plan. These revisions were produced in response to requests from the Religious Studies Advisory Board. They reviewed the entire proposal in response to my request for a specification of their make up and duties, as requested by the Arts & Humanities panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee. The version that I had initially submitted contained similarities with the new version of the main Comparative Studies major that the Advisory Board had not approved. The attached version has now been approved by them.

The changes to the previously approved proposal are the following:

Removal of 2099 from list of required courses

Reduction of hours in required courses from 13 to 12

Reduction of total hours for major from 121 to 120

Insertion of language about alternative possibility for 3990

Insertion of language about research course requirement only for those taking 4990

Insertion of language describing the make up of the Advisory Board and its duties.

I understand that these changes might require the proposal to go through the full approval process again. If that is so, please let me know.

Yours,

Barry

On Tue, Jan 19, 2016 at 12:22 PM, Vankeerbergen, Bernadette
<vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu> wrote:

Dear Barry and Elizabeth,

On Tuesday, January 12, the Arts and Humanities Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed the proposed revision to the BA Religious Studies. The Panel unanimously approved the revision with the following contingencies:

- Proposal: Provide more information on the Advisory Board mentioned several times in the proposal. Who exactly will be on the board? Define the function of the board.
- Advising sheet:
 - For someone not familiar with the program, it is confusing to be given examples of courses for (2) and (3) and then have to refer to the full list of courses at the end. It would be simpler and clearer to have full list of courses given immediately instead of examples and then full list.
 - A confusing statement precedes the full lists of electives on the advising sheet. See p. 2: “Courses in Comparative Studies that can fulfill the electives requirements: . . .”. In actuality most of those courses are not in Comparative Studies. This sentence will no longer be necessary if--as stated above—the full lists are integrated in the body of the advising sheet.

Should you have any questions about the feedback above, please feel free to contact

Janice Aski (Chair of the Arts and Humanities Panel; cc'd on this message), or me.

Best,

Bernadette

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