CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Curriculum Committee

From:

Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Date Submitted:

25 September 2007

Type of Change Requested: Miscellaneous Change - Creation of Religious Studies Minor

Submitted By:

Dr. Micheal Tarver

Approved By:

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I. Program or curriculum change as it will appear in the catalog.

Minor in Religious Studies - 18 hours. Students wishing to obtain a minor in Religious Studies must complete:

HIST 1503 - World Civilization I

ANTH 2003 - Cultural Anthropology

PHIL 2013 – Religions of the World

PHIL 3053 – Philosophy of Religion

SOC 4073 – Sociology of Religion

HIST 4503 – History of Christianity

II. Course Information

- A. Rationale for the request change. The creation of a Religious Studies minor will allow students who have successfully completed eighteen or more hours in courses dealing with religion the opportunity to have his/her transcript noted with a statement certifying such accomplishment.
- B. What impact will the change have on staffing, on other programs, budget, and space allocation? While the creation of the Religious Studies minor will not have an immediate noticeable impact on the Social Sciences and Philosophy Department in regards to staffing, budget, or classroom utilization. In the long-term, however, an increase in students taking Cultural Anthropology could have an impact on staffing in the Department of Behavioral Sciences. The minor designation should have no impact on other departments.
- C. Effective date or term. The Religious Studies minor would become effective with the 2003-09 Arkansas Tech University Undergraduate Catalog.
- D. When applicable, state with which departments you have specifically coordinated this change? Behavioral Sciences.

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Karen Riddell

From: Sent:

Dr. H. Micheal Tarver [mtarver@atu.edu] Monday, December 03, 2007 8:54 AM

To: Subject:

Ms. Karen Riddell Religious Studies Intro

Karen,

Here you go:

The minor in religious studies is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn about religion in cross-cultural and historical perspectives. The required courses are designed to provide a comparative perspective on world religions and to develop an appreciation of both the origins and contemporary expressions of different religions. This minor is particularly well suited for students in the humanities and social sciences as well as students in other disciplines who want to deepen their understanding to the role of religion in contemporary life.

Students must have a minimum of 2.00 grade point in the required 18 hours to be eligible for a Religious Studies minor.

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