To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Religious Studies Major

PRESENT:  PROPOSED:

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Religious Studies are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (12 units)  [no change]
   a) RLST 005  [no change]
   b) RLST 012/ETST 012  [no change]
   or RLST 012W/ETST 012W
   c) One additional 4-unit course in Religious Studies or equivalent  [no change]

2. Upper-division requirements (40 units)  [no change]
   a) At least two courses from each of the following areas:  [no change]
      (1) Eastern religions  [no change]
      (2) Western religions  [no change]
      (3) Themes in religions  [no change]
   b) RLST 100 or RLST 102  [no change]
   c) RLST 193 (Senior Seminar)  [no change]
   d) Eight (8) additional units from Religious Studies courses (closely related courses from other programs or departments may be substituted upon approval)  [no change]
JUSTIFICATION:

W-courses were developed to allow students to fulfill the ENGL 001C requirement by ensuring significant and monitored writing instruction occurs alongside the regular course content. Course content for RLST/ETST 012W remains the same as RLST/ETST 012 and thus continues to fill the basic major requirement; the addition of W-suffix enables students to simultaneously fulfill the ENGL 001C requirement.

APPROVALS:

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