**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Western Kentucky University**

**745-2345**

**REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Date: March 29, 2012

The Potter College of Arts & Letters submits the following items for consideration:

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| **Type of Item** | **Description of Item & Contact Information** |
| Consent | **Proposal to Revise a Course Title**  RELS 302 Buddhist Religious Traditions  Contact: Jeffrey Samuels, [jeffrey.samuels@wku.edu](mailto:jeffrey.samuels@wku.edu), 5-5748 |
| Consent | **Proposal to Revise a Course Title**  RELS 303 Hindu Religious Traditions  Contact: Jeffrey Samuels, [jeffrey.samuels@wku.edu](mailto:jeffrey.samuels@wku.edu), 5-5748 |
| Consent | **Proposal to Revise a Course Title**  RELS 304 Judaic Religious Traditions  Contact: Eric Bain-Selbo, [eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu](mailto:eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu), 5-5744 |
| Consent | **Proposal to Revise a Course Title**  RELS 306 Islamic Religious Traditions  Contact: Eric Bain-Selbo, [eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu](mailto:eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu), 5-5744 |
| Consent | **Proposal to Revise Course Prerequisites**  ART 431 Illustration  Contact: Michael Nichols, [mike.nichols@wku.edu](mailto:mike.nichols@wku.edu), 5-5937 |

Proposal Date: January 20, 2012

**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Department of Philosophy and Religion**

**Proposal to Revise Course Title**

**(Consent Item)**

Contact Person: Jeffrey Samuels; [Jeffrey.samuels@wku.edu](mailto:Jeffrey.samuels@wku.edu); 745-5748

**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Current course prefix (subject area) and number: RELS 302
  2. Current course title: Buddhist Religious Traditions
  3. Credit hours: 3.0

**2. Proposed course title:** Buddhism

**3. Proposed abbreviated course title:** Buddhism

**4. Rationale for the revision of course title:** Buddhism, like other religious traditions, consists of multiple movements, sects, and schools of thought. Generally, those all fall under the label “Buddhism” and, thus, the use of “Religious Traditions” is superfluous. In almost all universities where Buddhism is taught, the course is simply titled “Buddhism.”

**5. Proposed term for implementation:** 201230

**6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Religious Studies program February 8, 2012

Department of Philosophy and Religion February 20, 2012

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**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Current course prefix (subject area) and number: RELS 303
  2. Current course title: Hindu Religious Traditions
  3. Credit hours: 3.0

**2. Proposed course title:** Hinduism

**3. Proposed abbreviated course title:** Hinduism

**4. Rationale for the revision of course title:** Hinduism, like any other religious tradition, consists of multiple movements, sects, and schools of thought. Generally, those all fall under the label “Hinduism” and, thus, the use of “Religious Traditions” is superfluous. In almost all universities where Hinduism is taught, the course is simply titled “Hinduism.”

**5. Proposed term for implementation: 201230**

**6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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Proposal Date: January 20, 2012

**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Department of Philosophy and Religion**

**Proposal to Revise Course Title**

**(Consent Item)**

Contact Person: Eric Bain-Selbo, eric.bain-selbo@wku, 745-3136

**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Current course prefix (subject area) and number: RELS 304
  2. Current course title: Judaic Religious Traditions
  3. Credit hours: 3.0

**2. Proposed course title:** Judaism

**3. Proposed abbreviated course title:** Judaism

**4. Rationale for the revision of course title:** Judaism, like other religious traditions, consists of multiple movements, sects, and schools of thought. Generally, those all fall under the label “Judaism” and, thus, the use of “Religious Traditions” is superfluous. In almost all universities where Judaism is taught, the course is simply titled “Judaism.”

**5. Proposed term for implementation: 201230**

**6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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**Department of Philosophy and Religion**

**Proposal to Revise Course Title**

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Contact Person: Eric Bain-Selbo; [eric.bain-selbo@wku](mailto:eric.bain-selbo@wku); x5744

**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Current course prefix (subject area) and number: RELS 306
  2. Current course title: Islamic Religious Traditions
  3. Credit hours: 3.0

**2. Proposed course title:** Islam

**3. Proposed abbreviated course title:** Islam

**4. Rationale for the revision of course title:** Islam, like other religious traditions, consists of multiple movements, sects, and schools of thought. Generally, those all fall under the label “Islam” and, thus, the use of “Religious Traditions” is superfluous. In almost all universities where Islam is taught, the course is simply titled “Islam.”

**5. Proposed term for implementation: 201230**

**6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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Proposal Date: 1/23/2012

**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Department of Art**

**Proposal to Revise Course Prerequisites**

**(Consent Item)**

Contact Person: Michael Nichols, Mike.Nichols@wku.edu, 745-5937

**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Course prefix (subject area) and number: Art 431
  2. Course title: Illustration
  3. Credit hours: 3

**2. Current prerequisites requirements:** Art 231

**3. Proposed prerequisites requirements:** Art 231, Art 340 or Permission of Instructor

**4. Rationale for the revision of prerequisites/ special requirements:** Students are currently able to register for ART 431 before completing the department’s foundational drawing courses, ART 140 and ART 240 (pre-requisites for ART 340). Requiring that students also complete a third drawing course, ART 340, or seek permission of the instructor, ensures that students have the appropriate drawing skills for Art 431, a class that stresses the application of various graphic media to solve problems in illustration. In the past, this class enrolled with juniors or seniors who had these prerequisites but recent scheduling changes have made it available to students who are underprepared. Students in the BFA Graphic Design track are required to take either ART 440 or ART 431. Both courses would now require the same level of drawing skills.

**5. Effect on completion of major/minor sequence:** This change promotes efficient matriculation through the BFA Graphic Design track.

**6. Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2012

**7. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Art Department/Division: 2/17/2012

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