Implementation Form - Undergraduate Certificates

This form must accompany a certificate proposal. It is used by administrative offices to better assist departments and programs with implementation.

Certificate Name: Certificate in Religious Studies
Faculty Program Director: Anna Gade
Primary Faculty/Staff Contact: Anna Gade
Home Department/Academic Unit (Name/UDDS):
  Approval Date: Religious Studies / A484680
  February 1998
School/College: College of Letters and Science
  Approval Date: 2/25/1998
UAPC Approval Date: April 1998
Implementation Term (usually the fall term after UAPC approval): Fall 1998
Year that first program review is scheduled (usually 5 years after implementation): not reviewed

We are not sure if the certificate has ever been reviewed. Current faculty is very engaged but there has been a major change over past 5 years, with mostly new faculty. We are going through a transition in the Fall.

Person/office responsible for maintaining requirements in DARS:
New DARS faculty coordinator for undergrad education will be Anne Hansen, but she has not yet completed DARS training and authorization.

Plan Code (assigned by the Registrar’s Office): CERT660
Plan Descr (assigned by the Registrar’s Office): Religious Studies Cert
CIP Code (assigned by Academic Planning and Analysis): 380201
Primary Divisional Disciplinary Assignment (assigned by APA for analysis purposes only): HUM

Curriculum (check one):
  _____ Included in detail in the proposal
  _____ X _____ A list of required and elective courses is attached

Credit total required: 18
All core/required courses are approved through Divisional Committee: Yes
All courses numbered less than 699: Yes
The credit total is less than half of the credits required for related majors: No
Special topics courses are only used if all instances count for the certificate.  No

*Please note that RS is currently in the process of curricular assessment and revision. This process is ongoing fall semester. A draft of our new curriculum is available, but is not complete yet. We will also be re-doing our website.

Courses taken as Pass/Fail are allowed. No
If yes, specify limits:

Courses taken Credit/No Credit are allowed. No
If yes, specify limits:

Will exceptions to the course core requirements be allowed? Yes

What is the requirement for credits taken in residence at UW-Madison (default is at least 50%)?
We would allow a full semester of study abroad credits to be transferred in, so residence requirements are only 33% for the certificate

Does the certificate have enough flexibility to make it accessible to transfer students and students who identify an interest as late as their junior year? Yes

Will the certificate use the default GPA requirements of GPA of 2.0 to be earned on all course work for the certificate? Yes
If No, specify other requirements.

Specify overlap provisions – name degree/major or certificate programs that may not be earned along with the certificate. Note that majors take priority over certificates.

No overlap with RS major and certificate but overlap with other majors is allowed and is common

Program faculty and staff understand that a student’s graduation should not be delayed to complete the certificate. Yes

The department/program has a process in place to send declaration forms to the Registrar’s Office. Yes

Which students are eligible for the certificate? Check those that apply.

___x___ Undergraduates in all schools/colleges (this is the default eligibility)

_______ Undergraduates in specific schools/colleges.

   List specific schools/colleges:

_______ University Special (non-degree seeking students). Complete the noted section below.

Making Undergraduate certificates available to Special Students
(Special students must hold a bachelor’s degree to enroll in an undergraduate certificate program. Special students should be served only after all demand by degree-seeking undergraduates is met.)

The certificate will be open to Special students who graduated from UW-Madison. Yes/No
If yes, specify any restrictions or limits:

The certificate will be open to Special students who graduated from other institutions. Yes/No
If yes, confirm that the proposal explains how resources are available to support these students without disadvantaging degree seeking students. Yes/No
The default minimum residency requirement applies, that at least 50% of the certificate credits must be earned at UW-Madison. Yes/No
If No, specify other limits:
The department/program has a process in place to send declaration forms to the Registrar’s Office. Yes/No
The department/program has a process in place to notify the Registrar’s Office when Special Students complete the certificate requirements. Yes/No

RELIGIOUS STUDIES CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

To receive the Certificate in Religious Studies, students must:

1. take a minimum of 18 credits in Religious Studies courses.
2. take no more than 6 credits in elementary-level courses (i.e., those designated "E" in the Undergraduate Catalog).
3. take one course from among those offered in each of the three following topical categories (view course selection):
   A) Approaches to the study of religion
   B) Religious thought, texts, and expression
   C) Religion in historical, cultural, and social perspective

Courses listed in more than one topical category may be counted for certificate credit in only one category; students choose in which category to count the course.

4. take one course in at least two of the following breadth categories (view course selection):
   A) Judaism
   B) Christianity
   C) Islam
   D) South Asian Traditions (except Buddhism)
   E) Buddhism
   F) East Asian Traditions (except Buddhism)
   G) Ancient, indigenous, and folk traditions
   H) Comparative traditions [courses in this category systemically compare aspects of two or more traditions]

Courses listed in more than one breadth category may be counted for certificate credit in only one category; students choose in which category to count the course.

A single course may be counted toward satisfying both the topical and breadth category requirements.

Certificate Breadth Requirements available at [http://religiousstudies.lss.wisc.edu/?q=node/14#categories](http://religiousstudies.lss.wisc.edu/?q=node/14#categories)

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