

Cover Sheet: Request 14557

Close religious ethics minor

Info

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Actions

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Responses

Minor Name

Enter the minor name.

Response:
Religious Ethics

Termination Date

Enter the termination date (semester/year), which is the last date students will be accepted into the minor.

Response:
fall 2019

Phase-Out Date

Enter the phase-out date (semester/year), which is when the last student in teach-out will have completed the minor. This date should allow time for enrolled students to complete the minor in a reasonable amount of time. The phase-out date is the last date that data will be submitted for the minor.

Response:
spring 2020

Rationale for Request

Describe the rationale for the request to terminate the minor.

Response:
Very few students have enrolled in this minor over the years, and the last one was enrolled in 2011. Presently the religion and philosophy departments are preparing a new certificate in "ethics and society," which will duplicate some of the requirements of this minor. The new certificate will have be broader and have a stronger list of electives, as well as an interdisciplinary focus. We anticipate that the new certificate will be more appealing to students, and we will be marketing it more actively.

Impact on Other Programs

Describe the potential impact that termination of the minor may have on other programs.

Response:
The termination of the religious ethics minor should have little to no impact on any programs, since it has no students enrolled at present and has had very few over the years. Its termination could have a positive impact on the minors in philosophy and religion, since students who were

interested in the religious ethics minor might choose instead to elect one of those minors. The main impact will be to make it possible for us to offer the new ethics and society certificate, which will appeal to the same students who would have considered the religious ethics minor.

Steps Taken to Inform Students and Faculty

State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the minor.

Response:

Faculty in both religion and philosophy, the two main departments affected, are aware of -- and support -- the plan to end this minor and launch the new ethics and society certificate. Religion majors and minors have been informed of the plan as well.

Teach-Out Plan

Explain how students in the minor will be able to complete their degree. The teach-out process often extends well beyond the termination date.

Response:

Required courses in Philosophy and Religion will be offered in spring 2020 for any enrolled students who want to complete the minor requirements. Any students who do not complete the minor requirements by the end of spring 2020 will be able to enroll in the new ethics and society certificate, which we hope will be effective as of fall 2020, pending approvals.

Accommodation of Faculty

Provide an explanation of the manner in which the Department and College intend to accommodate faculty who are currently active in the minor.

Response:

The only faculty active in the minor are in the Religion and Philosophy departments. They have discussed the transition from a religious ethics minor to the new ethics and society certificate. There will be no impact on their teaching or advising.

RELIGIOUS ETHICS

MINOR

This minor provides the opportunity to learn about ethical theories and issues, from both philosophical and religious perspectives, past and present.

About this program:

College: Liberal Arts and Sciences

Credits: 15 | Completed with minimum grades of C

Additional Information:

Minor:

A MINOR IN RELIGION WON'T ONLY AUGMENT YOUR CHOICE IN MAJORS BUT PIQUE YOUR CURIOSITY AS WELL.

Plan on becoming an engineer? Thinking about a job in business? Interested in the bio-medical field? No matter your major or future career, odds are you'll need to know something about religion to be the best you can be. Whether it's a coworker, colleague, consumer, or your own convictions, religion will impact your work. UF Religion offers two minors: one in RELIGION and one in RELIGIOUS ETHICS.

*Those wanting to minor in religion must consult with the undergraduate coordinator. The election of a minor area of study is noted on a student's transcript, but it is not reflected on the diploma. Students should consult the University of Florida online catalog for important undergraduate information and descriptions of the religion curriculum.

HOURS

15 credits, all completed with grades of C or better.

REQUIRED COURSES

Three of these courses must be taken at the intermediate or advanced level (3000-4000 level) at UF. All students must consult an adviser within the department.

Minor in Religious Ethics

HOURS

15 credits, all completed with grades of C or better

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REQUIRED COURSES

PHI 3650 Moral Philosophy

REL 2174 Social Ethics

ELECTIVES (TAKE THREE)

REL 2185 Religious Ethics and the Human Image

REL 3170 Ethics in Religious Perspective

REL 3492 Religion Ethics and Nature

REL 4177 Special Topics in Religion and Ethics

Related Religion Programs:

RELATED RELIGION PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts in Religion

Religion minor

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
<u>PHI 3650</u>	Moral Philosophy	3
<u>REL 3171</u>	Ethics in America	3
Approved electives		9
Total Credits		15
Course List		

APPROVED ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Credits
<u>REL 3492</u>	Religion Ethics and Nature	3

Code	Title	Credits
REL 4092	Ethics, Utopias and Dystopias	3
REL 4177	Special Topics in Religion and Ethics	3
REL 4188	Special Topics in Religion and Ethics	3
Course List		