

HENDRIX

PROPOSED COURSE ADDITION OR REVISION

Deadline for Area approval:

Proposer: Bill Gorvine

Date: 10-10-11

Department/Program: Religious Studies

Area: Humanities

Check appropriate boxes:

New permanent course

Replaces existing course: RELI

New temporary course

Change to temporary course

Elimination of a course

338: Tibetan Buddhist Culture

Change to existing course:

Proposal – one sentence summary:

A change in the level of a Tibetan Buddhism-centered course from the 300 to the 200-level.

Proposed subject code(s) (indicate both if cross-listing): RELI

Proposed course # or level: 200-level ~~(226)~~ 238

Proposed course title: Tibetan Buddhism

Proposed course catalog copy:

This course surveys the intersection between Indian Buddhism and Tibetan and Himalayan religious culture, both past and present. In particular, the course will explore how different Tibetan lineages have assimilated Buddhist philosophical teachings, ritual traditions, and contemplative practices imported from India; and it will examine how prominent figures (such as the Dalai Lamas) became influential forces in politics, religious literature, and cultural history. In the latter part of the semester, we will consider contemporary ethnographic accounts of Tibetan communities, with emphasis on "popular" or "folk" religion in everyday life. We will also attend to the contemporary struggle for religious revival and identity among modern Tibetans, which exists alongside burgeoning global interest in Tibetan Buddhism.

Prerequisites/co-requisites and/or recommended prior courses, as listed in catalog copy:

None

How will the proposed revision affect any catalog lists of options for majors or minors?

Other options are available

Rationale for course within departmental and collegiate context and based on assessment results:

Limited enrollment at upper-level.

Proposed general education code(s) (check all that apply):

EA HP LS NS NS-L SB VA QS W1 FL [Curriculum Committee]

CW [CW Committee]

W2 [Writing Across the Curriculum Committee]

Proposed Odyssey code(s) (check all that apply):

AC GA PL SW UR SP [CEL Committee/Curriculum Committee]

For each of the checked general education or Odyssey codes, describe how the course fulfills the published criteria (see the Catalog, pages 18-23 or the Odyssey Program Guide, pages 10-16):

Will explore values and ethics of fundamental importance in Tibetan societies.

Justification for cross-listing:

How often will the course be offered? Part of regular rotation, likely every other year.

Who will teach the course? Gorvine

Equipment, supply, and bibliographic requirements (items and cost):

Will the above items be covered by a present budget? Yes No

Approval Chain (type name and date of approval)

Department chair:

Area chair:

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