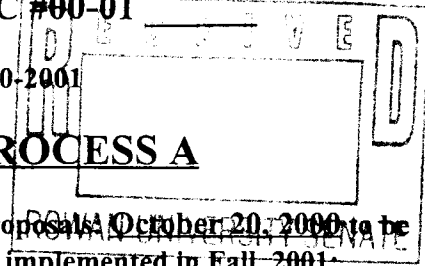


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PROPOSAL SCC #00-01

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL FORM 2000-2001

NON-GENERAL EDUCATION PROCESS A



*DEADLINES: Deadline dates for 2000/2001 submissions: Regular proposals October 20, 2000 to be implemented in Fall 2001; Short-Term proposals: December 8, 2000 to be implemented in Fall, 2001; Regular proposals February 16, 2001 to be implemented in Spring, 2002; March 23, 2000 for short-term courses to be implemented in Spring 2002.

PROPOSAL TITLE: Selected Topics in Religion Studies 1510-340

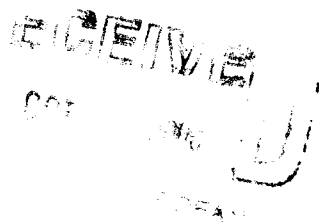
SPONSOR(S): Dianne Ashton

DEPARTMENT: Philosophy and Religion

COLLEGE: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

IF LAS CHECK ONE: History/Humanities Math/Sciences Social/Behavioral Sciences

Check one: Undergraduate Graduate



THE ATTACHED **NON-GEN-ED** PROPOSAL IS BEST DESCRIBED BY THE ITEM(S) CHECKED.

- New non-gen-ed course
- Short-term non-gen-ed course
- Minor curricular changes (fewer than three) to:
 - existing non-gen-ed course
 - non-gen-ed degree requirements
 - major
 - minor, specialization, concentration, track, certificate program

DEPARTMENT

(Signature indicates approval)

Dept. Curriculum Chair Date

Dept. Chairperson / Date

[Signature] 9/27/00
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ACADEMIC DEAN

Approved Not Approved Comments:

Dean's Signature/Date *[Signature]* 10/19/00

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Date of open hearing (if necessary) 5/14/01 Approved Not Approved

Comments: Review & update courses

Signature of College Chair/Date: [Signature] 5/22/01

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Date Received/Processed 6/13/01

Comments:

Curriculum Chair Signature [Signature] Date Announced At Senate 6/13/01

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST

Approved Not Approved If no, reasons are as follows:

Student Credit Hours Faculty Load Hours Equalized Credit Hours

Official Copy & Approval Sheet Filed (Date): Executive VP/Provost Signature/Date [Signature] 6/19/01

REGISTRAR

Date Approved Course Description Received Hegis Taxonomy & Course Number Assigned

Registrar Signature/Date [Signature] 6/25/01

NOTIFICATION FORWARD

Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson Academic Dean(s) 8/22/01
 Department Chairpersons Registrar Sponsor(s)

Major Curricular Change
New Course: Selected Topics in Religion Studies
Course Syllabus

Philosophy and Religion 1510.340
Selected Topics in Religion Studies
3 s.h.

I. Details:

- A. Course Title: Selected Topics in Religion Studies
- B. Sponsor: Dianne Ashton, Department of Philosophy and Religion
Youru (Charles) Wang, Department of Philosophy and Religion
- C. Credit Hours: 3
- D. Course Level: Undergraduate (junior or above)
- E. Prerequisites: Religions of the World, Introduction to Religion, or permission of instructor.

F. Implementation:

- 1. Time of implementation: A pilot version of this course will be offered in the spring of 2002.
- 2. Scale of implementation: Probably one section a year; since the point of Selected Topics courses is flexibility, it is hard to be exact about this.

G. Curricular Effect: This course is designed to allow a variety of special courses to be taught by faculty and guest lecturers in their areas of expertise, when they are not listed in the catalog. This will give both students and faculty a wider range of options for the academic study of religion than they would otherwise have at Rowan. As such, it will be useful as part of our existing concentration in philosophy and religion, as well as our proposed major in philosophy and religion studies. Finally, it will be available to all eligible students as a humanities elective. Depending on the particular version of the course being offered, it may be offered as a seminar, or as a regular class. Topics will be proposed and approved by regular faculty of the department of Philosophy and Religion, to be consistent with the goals and standards of the department.

H. Adequacy:

- 1. Staffing: Adequate by definition of the course.
- 2. Library facilities and holdings, and other relevant resources: The library's collection, including many titles ordered by the Philosophy and Religion Department over the past ten years, and supplemented by future additions, continues to need upgrading, but will support many versions of this course.

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3. Space needs: One seminar room, or one classroom with blackboards and seating for thirty-five students will be needed each time the class is offered.

II. Rationale:

As we develop our major in Philosophy and Religion Studies we will need increased flexibility in our course offerings. This course will be a vehicle for developing and testing new courses. It will also allow us to offer time-sensitive courses that deal with contemporary events, or that take advantage of the special expertise of non-tenured faculty and visiting professors.

III. Essence of the Course:

- A. Objectives: The general objective of all instances of this course is to present students with opportunities for the academic study of religion not available to them at Rowan in the regularly listed courses.
- B. Course Content: Variable. Some topics might be: Religion and Politics, Religion and Public Life in America, Religion and Feminism, Religion and Ethnic Life in America, Religion and the Civil War.
- C. Evaluation and Grading Procedures: Variable. As Humanities courses, these offerings will all require extensive written evidence of mastery of the material. A variety of measures may be used: Ex: research papers, brief responses to homework, book reviews, creative non-fiction, oral reports, presentations, web and bibliographic searches.
- D. Course Evaluation: This course will be reevaluated by the Philosophy/Religion Department at least every other year. The review will take into account student evaluations of the course and peer observations. Reactions to the course from various other departments whose disciplines may intersect with this will be solicited. They will be asked to comment on proposed syllabi and confer with the instructor.

IV. Results of Consultations: None needed.

V. Catalog Description:

New Course: Selected Topics in Religion Studies 3 s.h.

1510.340

(Prerequisites: 1510.100 or 1510.200 or permission of the instructor)

This course examines one topic in religion in depth. Its topic may vary. This course may not be offered annually.