

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

February 21, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education  
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Disciplinary Teaching Minor  
in Religious Studies

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) in accordance with the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, 4.4.

UCAP Response Requested:

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above and provide consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to UCAP members.

After receiving UCAP's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to discontinue or not to discontinue this program. If the Provost determines that the program will be discontinued, the request will be forwarded to the University Committee on Curriculum for deletion of curriculum and degree requirements.

If you have any questions, please call Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator at 5-8420.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request for a Change in an Academic Program form dated February 7, 2011: Disciplinary Teaching Minor in Religious Studies and attachments.
2. Student Enrollments by Program; Student Awards by Programs (for the request referenced above).

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## COLLEGE OF NATURALSCIENCE

1. Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Disciplinary Teaching Minor in Religious Studies** in the Department of Religious Studies. The University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) will provide consultative commentary to the Provost after considering this request. The Provost will make a determination after considering the consultative commentary from the University Committee on Academic Policy.

No new students are to be admitted to the program effective Spring 2011. No students are to be readmitted to the program effective Spring 2011. Effective Fall 2011, coding for the program will be discontinued and the program will no longer be available in the Department of Religious Studies. Students who have not met the requirements for the Disciplinary Teaching Minor in Religious Studies through the Department of Religious Studies prior to Fall 2011 will have to change their minor.

| <b>View a Program</b>   |                          | <b>Main Menu</b> |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|
| Joy Speas, RO   | Monday, 2/7/2011         |                  |
| <b>Program Name: Religious Studies Teaching Minor</b><br><b>Degree: MNSE Sequence Number: 3</b>   | Program Request ID: 1971 |                  |
| <b>Effective Dates: Fall 2011 Status: Interim Initial Action: Deleted</b>   |                          |                  |
| <b>Requested Date: 2/4/2011 12:06:01 PM</b>   |                          |                  |
| <p><b>1. Department/School/College:</b><br/>04716 .... Department of Religious Studies</p> <p><b>2. Name of Program:</b><br/>Religious Studies Teaching Minor</p> <p><b>3. Name of Degree:</b><br/>MNSE</p> <p><b>4. Type of Program:</b></p> <p><b>5. Effective Start Semester:</b><br/>Fall 2011</p> <p><b>Effective End date:</b><br/>Fall 2011</p> <p><b>Will the proposed change(s) have a negative impact on students? If so, which ones?:</b><br/>Yes, students who wish to teach Religious Studies in public schools in Michigan.</p> <p><b>Describe impact and explain what accommodations will be made:</b><br/>Students may still get a general REL minor.</p> <p><b>Reason(s) for change(s):</b><br/>State Of Michigan has discontinued recognition of REL Teaching Minors.</p> |                          |                  |
| <b>DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS</b>   |                          |                  |
| Approved: Department of Religious Studies<br>2/4/2011 12:06:15 PM by Debbie Ray for Arthur Versluis, Chairperson  |                          |                  |
| <b>COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS</b>  |                          |                  |
| Approved: College of Arts and Letters<br>2/7/2011 10:04:58 AM by Theresa Walker for Janet Swenson, Associate Dean   |                          |                  |

## DEPARTMENT of RELIGIOUS STUDIES

*Arthur J. Versluis, Chairperson*

### ~~TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTION~~

A religious studies disciplinary minor is available for teacher certification.

Students who elect the religious studies disciplinary minor must contact the Department of Religious Studies.

For additional information, refer to the statement on *TEACHER CERTIFICATION* in the *Department of Teacher Education* section of this catalog.

### Disciplinary Teaching Minors Available for Secondary Teacher Certification

| MINOR  | COLLEGE                           |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Agriscience  | Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| Anthropology                                       | Social Science                    |
| Arabic   | Arts and Letters                  |
| Biological Science                                 | Natural Science                   |
| Chemistry  | Natural Science                   |
| Chinese  | Arts and Letters                  |
| Computer Science                                   | Engineering                       |
| Earth Science                                      | Natural Science                   |
| Economics  | Social Science                    |
| English  | Arts and Letters                  |
| Environmental Science                              | Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| French   | Arts and Letters                  |
| Geography  | Social Science                    |
| German   | Arts and Letters                  |
| History  | Social Science                    |
| Italian  | Arts and Letters                  |
| Japanese   | Arts and Letters                  |
| Journalism   | Communication Arts and Sciences   |
| Latin  | Arts and Letters                  |
| Mathematics-Secondary                              | Natural Science                   |
| Physics  | Natural Science                   |
| Political Science                                  | Social Science                    |
| Psychology   | Social Science                    |
| <del>Religious Studies</del>                       | <del>Arts and Letters</del>       |
| Russian  | Arts and Letters                  |
| Sociology  | Social Science                    |
| Spanish-Secondary                                  | Arts and Letters                  |
| Teaching English to Speakers<br>of Other Languages | Arts and Letters                  |

The economics disciplinary teaching minor is available only to students pursuing a major in comparative cultures and politics, international relations, political theory and constitutional democracy, social relations and policy, interdisciplinary studies in social science, interdisciplinary studies in social science; social science education, or history with a teacher certification option.