Franklin College of
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UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

CURRICULUM REQUEST FORM

Please complete a separate request for each curriculum item being submitted. Each request should include either a WORD or PDF file of the curriculum item being reviewed. This form along with the file should be emailed to Kris Petti at pettik@uga.edu.

Date: April 20, 2026

Department/Institute/Program: Religion

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Curriculum Item Request: Minor in Christian Studies

Please provide a justification for this request:

The Department of Religion offers a Minor in Jewish Studies and teaches courses that count toward the Certificate in Asian Studies. We anticipate there will also be demand among students for a Minor in Christian Studies.

As Department Head, you are affirming that the department procedures have been followed for approval with your unit.

July 31, 2026

Approved by Senior Associate Dean, Neil Lyall

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

- **School/College:** Franklin
- **Department/Division:** Religion
- **Minor Name:** Minor in Christian Studies
- **Proposed Effective Date:** Spring 2027
- **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** Athens
- **Program Description:**
  Provide a brief summary of the objective of the program.

  The Department of Religion offers a Minor in Jewish Studies and teaches courses that count toward the Certificate in Asian Studies. We anticipate there will also be demand among students for a Minor in Christian Studies. The minor will allow undergraduate students who are pursuing a major in Religion or a different field to build a knowledge base related to the history, ideas, writings, artistic expressions, institutions, politics, ethics, and social effects of Christianity. The objective is to increase students' religious literacy in encounter with a variety of (sometimes contradictory) Christian teachings and practices in the United States and globally. Students may not previously have had the chance to grapple with the questions that scholars ask about – for example – how the texts of the biblical canon were written and assembled, or the differences between Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal, and other Christianities. Students who complete the minor will have strengthened their ability to critically analyze Christian phenomena and to evaluate the impacts of Christianity on e.g. individuality, moral norms, literature and the arts, the natural environment, social institutions, politics and law, international affairs, and/or interreligious relations.

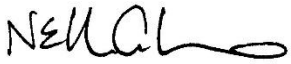
- **Program of Study/Requirements:**
  Include prefixes, numbers, and titles of required courses, as well as total credit hours (must be 15-18 hours). Include any residency requirements or grade requirements.

<u>Minor in Christian Studies</u>
Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.
Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.
All courses used to satisfy the minor must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
At least 3 courses must be taken in residence.
To complete the minor, choose 5 courses (min. 15 hours) from the following list.
At least 3 of the 5 courses (min. 9 hours) must be at 3000-level or above.
At least 3 of the 5 courses (min. 9 hours) must have a RELI prefix.

ARHI 3022 Art and Architecture of Byzantium - The Empire of the New Rome
ARHI 3032 Art and Architecture of Russia
ARHI 4050 Icons in Byzantium
ARHI 4060 Image in Space: Mural Painting and Architecture in Byzantium
ARHI 4130 Late Gothic Art in Italy
ARHI 4200 Early Renaissance in Italy
CLAS 4160/6160 History of Late Antiquity
CMLT 4160 The Bible in Western Literature and Art
ENGL 4225 Medieval Literature, 1100-1350
ENGL 4230/W Medieval Literature, 1350-1500
HIST/RELI 3333 Christianity and Society from Constantine to Luther
HIST/SPAN 4345 Christians and Muslims in Valencia
HIST/AFST 4550 Christianity and Colonialism in Africa
HIST 4565/6565 The Crusades
RELI 1001 Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
RELI 1001E Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
RELI 1004 Introduction to Evangelical Christian Traditions: History, Beliefs, and Practices
RELI 1007 Reading the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
RELI 1007E Reading the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
RELI 1008 Reading the New Testament
RELI 1008E Reading the New Testament
RELI 1012 Introduction to Christian Ethics: Topics and Methods
RELI 2001H Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, Islam (Honors)
RELI 2008 The Gospel of Mark
RELI 2009 The Gospel of Matthew
RELI/AFST 3004 Global Christianity
RELI/HIST 3150 Religion in the United States
RELI 3500 Antisemitism
RELI 4001/6001 Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Literature
RELI 4002/6002 Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
RELI 4004/6004 Psalms, Job, and Other Writings of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
RELI 4009/6009 The Book of Genesis
RELI 4020/6020 Women in the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
RELI 4040/6040 Apocalyptic Literature
RELI 4080/6080 New Testament Literature
RELI 4081/6081 Jesus
RELI 4082/6082 Life and Letters of Paul
RELI 4083/6083 New Testament World
RELI 4084/6084 Gospels
RELI 4085/6085 The Gospel according to John
RELI 4086/6086 The Gospel of Luke
RELI 4087 Ethics of the New Testament
RELI 4088/6088 Topics in New Testament Studies and Early Christianity
RELI/GREK 4089/6089 Biblical Greek
RELI 4090/6090 Trinity

RELI 4096/6095 Christianity and Sustainability
RELI 4100/6100 Reformation Theology
RELI 4101/6101 History of Christian Theology (Ancient-Medieval)
RELI 4102/6102 History of Christian Theology (Modern-Contemporary)
RELI 4103/6103 Perspectives in Catholic Theology
RELI 4104/6104 Christian Sexual Ethics
RELI 4105/6105 Women in Christian History
RELI 4106/6106 Women in Early Christian Literature
RELI 4107/6107 American Religious History
RELI 4108/6108 Christian Feminist Theology
RELI 4109/6109 Christian Anthropology
RELI/ANTH 4110/6110 Anthropology and American Religion
RELI/ANTH 4111/6111 Theologically Engaged Anthropology
RELI 4120/6120 Figures in American Catholicism
RELI/AFAM 4201/6201 African American Religious History
RELI/AFAM 4202/6202 Southern Religious History
RELI/AFAM 4203/6203 The Bible in the Black Church
RELI 4204/6204 Martin Luther King Jr
RELI 4250/6250 Christian-Muslim Relations
RELI 4530/6530 Theology and Culture
RELI 4540/6540 Christianity and the Natural Sciences
RELI 4560/6560 Religion and Art
RELI 4602/6602 Readings in Popular Theology
RELI 4902/6902 Topics in the Study of Christianity

Approvals:



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Nell Andrew, Area Chair, Art History — Date

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Mario Erasmo, Department Head, Classics — Date

Frans Weiser, Department Head, Comparative Literature Date 4/22/26

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Roland Végső, Department Head, English Date

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Kevin Jones, Department Head, History Date

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Derrick Lemons, Department Head, Religion Date

7/31/2026

Dean, Franklin College Date