

Executive Summary

Request for Authorization to Implement a New Degree Program

Program Name & Degree	Undergraduate Minor in New Testament Language and Literature				
Requested by	Department of Religious Studies and Classics, College of Humanities				
CIP Code	16.1299 - Classics and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Other				
Purpose of Program	<p>The minor provides students with a multidisciplinary study of New Testament texts in their original context. Students explore the dynamic relationship among ancient religions in the Greco-Roman world and between the New Testament texts and some of the subsequent interpretations of those texts. Students read literature in the original language of ancient Greek.</p> <p>This minor will take advantage of the robust interdisciplinary courses related to New Testament studies currently offered at the University, including course options in Religious Studies, Judaic Studies, History, and Philosophy.</p> <p>While numerous institutions offer minors in religious studies, and some do so with a focus on the history of Christianity, the distinctive strength of this minor is its focus on the ancient and classical world, including rigorous study of texts in original languages.</p>				
	5-year projected annual enrollment				
	1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year
	5	8	15	20	25
Source(s) of Funding	We do not expect any additional costs, as the needed faculty are already in place and the courses required for this major are already part of their scheduled teaching rotation.				

Approvals:

ABOR	N/A
Undergraduate Council	February 6, 2017
Graduate Council	N/A
CAAC	January 24, 2017
Provost's Council	February 27, 2017
Faculty Senate	