Special Expertise Addendum

Course or Allied Service	**Brief Rationale**	**Criteria** The criteria will be relevant, objective, verifiable and reasonable.
RELS 1 - Introduction to Religious Study	Degrees that meet minimum qualifications according to the disciplines list do not necessarily ensure the depth and breadth of disciplinary knowledge required to teach all of our rich course offerings in religious studies.	Expertise in 1) history of the study of religion as an academic discipline; 2) critical methods of inquiry in the study of religion; and 3) a diversity of religious modes and traditions representing samples from Eastern, Western, and Indigenous religions. Evidence for expertise shall include any of the following:
	It is next to impossible to have expertise in all areas of our courses—Asian, Western Monotheisms, Indigenous traditions, etc. Therefore, it is necessary for the quality of the education we provide in this discipline to identify specific preparation for our various courses.	1) upper division and graduate coursework with a grade of B or better; 2) expert-evaluated research and independent study in the form of a) master's thesis, b) Ph.D. qualifying examinations, c) doctoral dissertation, or d) peer-reviewed publications.
RELS 2 - World Religions (formerly Comparative Religions)	Degrees that meet minimum qualifications according to the disciplines list do not necessarily ensure the depth and breadth of disciplinary knowledge required to teach all of our rich course offerings in religious studies.	Expertise in 1) a diversity of religious traditions representing samples from several Asian traditions and more than one Abrahamic religion; and 2) the study of religion as an academic discipline, including critical methods of inquiry.
	It is next to impossible to have expertise in all areas of our courses—Asian, Western Monotheisms, Indigenous traditions, etc. Therefore, it is necessary for the quality of the education we provide in this discipline to identify specific preparation for our various courses.	Evidence for expertise shall include any of the following: 1) upper division and graduate coursework with a grade of B or better; 2) expert-evaluated research and independent study in the form of a) master's thesis, b) Ph.D. qualifying examinations, c) doctoral dissertation, or d) peer-reviewed publications.
RELS 3 - History of God	Degrees that meet minimum qualifications according to the disciplines list do not necessarily ensure the depth and breadth of disciplinary knowledge required to teach all of our rich course offerings in religious studies.	Expertise in 1) history of the study of religion as an academic discipline; 2) critical methods of inquiry in the study of religion; and 3) Ancient Near Eastern indigenous religions and Hebrew Bible, and Judaism, and Christianity and Islam. Evidence for expertise shall include any of the following:
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RELS 6.66 - History of Satan	Degrees that meet minimum qualifications according to the disciplines list do not necessarily ensure the depth and breadth of disciplinary knowledge required to teach all of our rich course offerings in religious studies.	Expertise in 1) history of the study of religion as an academic discipline; 2) critical methods of inquiry in the study of religion; and 3) the biblical traditions, pre-Nicene Christian theology, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Indigenous religions (examples include Zoroastrianism, Manicheanism, Sethian Gnosticism, Hellenistic Mystery Cults, etc.), history and
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		1) upper division and graduate coursework with a grade of B or better; 2) expert-evaluated research and independent study in the form of a) master's thesis, b) Ph.D. qualifying examinations, c) doctoral dissertation, or d) peer-reviewed publications.
RELS 7 - Wisdom Traditions of Asia	Degrees that meet minimum qualifications according to the disciplines list do not necessarily ensure the depth and breadth of disciplinary knowledge required to teach all of our rich course offerings in religious studies.	Expertise in 1) the major South Asian religions; 2) the Chinese traditions; 3) the religious traditions of Korea or Japan; and 4) reading knowledge of one of the following languages: Sanskrit, Prakrit, Pali, Tibetan, classical Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.