Special Expertise Addendum

Course or Allied Service	**Brief Rationale**	**Criteria** The criteria will be relevant, objective, verifiable and reasonable.
RELS 7 (continued)	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 8 - Buddhism	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) all three branches of Buddhism (Theravada, Mahayana, & Vajrayana), including the Tripitaka, Madhyamika/Nagarjuna, Chan/Zen, Pure Land, T'ientai/Tendai, Tibetan Buddhism, and modern Buddhism in the West; and 2) reading knowledge of one of the following languages: Sanskrit, Prakrit, Pali, Tibetan, classical Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.
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RELS 15 - Islam	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 tradition and early Christian theology; and 4) reading knowledge of Qur'anic Arabic or a related Semitic language.
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RELS 21 - Hebrew Bible	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 primary and secondary literature of samples from all three canonical divisions (Torah, Prophets and Writings) and 4) reading knowledge of Biblical Hebrew.
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RELS 22 - Early Christian Literature	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 primary and secondary literature of samples from all of the following: Synoptic Gospels and Acts, Johannine Literature, Pauline Literature and Apocalyptic Literature, and
	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.	4) reading knowledge of Hellenistic Greek. 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 32 - Religion in America	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) Reformed protestant theology, Catholic theology and liturgy, Native American traditions, and religions made in the United States (examples: Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventism, Christian Science, Scientology, etc.).