

**B - Course Revision Form V. 7.2022 : Entry # 2336****DEAN Decision**

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**Today's Date**

09/22/2022

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10/28/2022

**Begin Form****Today's Date**

09/12/2022

**Your Name**

Amy MacArthur

**Your Email:**[amacarth@highpoint.edu](mailto:amacarth@highpoint.edu)**Are you a Department Chair?**

No

**Department Chair Name**

Dr. Chris Franks

**Email address of your Department Chair**[cfranks@highpoint.edu](mailto:cfranks@highpoint.edu)

**By checking below I am certifying that my department chair has seen and approved the course revisions that are in this proposal**

Yes

**Please select the appropriate school overseeing this proposal:**

Humanities and Behavioral Sciences

**Which semester is this course to be taught as proposed?**

Fall 2023

**Is this course part of GoGlobal?**

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No

**Does this course, as revised, include any community engagement?**

No

**Is this a revision to meet new Gen Ed requirements?**

No

**Are you submitting multiple courses for revision from the same department?**

No, just one

**Does this course as it currently exists fulfill any of the below University academic program requirements?**

- This course does not currently fulfill academic program requirements

**What would you like to revise?**

- Learning Outcomes

**Does this course count towards a major or a minor?**

Yes

**Please list the course(s) and whether they are required or electives for the major/minor.**

| Course Prefix/Number | Name of Major and/or Minor? | Required or Elective? |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| REL 4099             | Religion                    | required              |
| PHL 4099             | Philosophy                  | required              |

**Is this course cross listed?**

Yes

**Choose the department designator for your course from the list below.**

PHL

**Choose the second department designator for your course from the list below.**

REL

**Current course number**

4099

**Current course title**

Senior Seminar in Religion and Philosophy

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1. Critically analyze a major topic in religion and philosophy
2. Explain the views of major thinkers relating to the topic
3. Apply knowledge gained in the religion and philosophy major or prior studies in religion and philosophy to the selected topic of the course
4. Construct an original argument using material learned in the course and independent academic research
5. Demonstrate oral communication skills by presenting research findings in a formal seminar setting

**Please list any revisions to units or content areas that will be required for all sections of this course**

This course is a capstone seminar for Religion and Philosophy majors. Using the skills learned in their study of Religion or Philosophy, students will undertake a thorough investigation into a selected topic. Students will engage the topic through primary source readings and seminar-style class meetings, culminating in a seminar-length paper and class presentation. The aim of the course is for students to transition from being passive learners of religion and philosophy to active contributors to it.

Because the course will be taught on a rotating basis by religion and philosophy faculty in the Department of Religion and Philosophy, the topic of the course will vary from year-to-year. Sample topics include free will and moral responsibility, personal identity, just war theory and the ethics of war, distributive justice, moral conscience, and friendship and the good life.

**Please list any revisions to assignments, tests, or other assessments that will be required for all sections of this course. If you have Gen Ed learning outcomes, please address assessment for each area that you are proposing the course be designated (i.e., Arts, Humanities, Diversity)**

Participation 15%  
 Weekly Reading Responses 20%  
 Outline, Rough Draft, and Peer Review 15%  
 Presentation 20%  
 Final Paper 30%

**Please list any revisions to course policies that will be required for all sections of this course**

n/a

**If you would like to specify any revisions to requirements for how contact hours must be met for all sections of this course, please indicate below (e.g., if any experiential learning activities will replace seat time)**

n/a

**If this course proposal affects any other departments, please describe the consultation and approval that you've received and from whom**

n/a

**Is there anything else the reviewing parties should know about this course revision proposal that hasn't already been asked/addressed?**

This course is replacing our old Senior Seminar course in Religion and Philosophy

**Sample Syllabus**

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