**Student Learning Assurance Report Requirements**

**Word Template**

**AY 2011-2012**

**Report Date:** October 16, 2012

**School/College:** Arts and Sciences

**Department/Program:** Theology and Religious Studies

**Person completing the Report:** Vincent Pizzuto

1. **Overview Statement**:
	1. **Which program learning outcomes were assessed this year.**

The attached documents demonstrate the past two years of work by our department to significantly restructure our THRS Major and to initiate a new numbering system for our classes that will better reflect their target student audience (Majors, Minors, Core). This was begun prior to our latest External Review, though guided by their evaluations.

While this remains a work in progress we are near agreement on the final form of the restructuring and are in the early stages of determining a renumbering system for our courses based on plans for future growth and development.

In addition, we have begun to prepare a proposal for a future online MA program. Our target date for commencement, should the proposal be accepted is Spring 2015.

 **b.** **Who in your department/program was involved in the evaluation of the above learning outcomes.**

The entire faculty was involved in the evaluation. We also sought feedback from students on the proposed changes.

1. **Please Answers the Following Questions for Each of the Student Outcomes Assessed:**
	1. **What did you do?**

The chair asked in the spring semester of 2012 at the end of a departmentfaculty meeting, for each faculty member to give feedback of how they would characterize their entire course repertoire into two categories: lower division and upper division, and even within that division, another distinction: 100 level and 200 level, 300 level and 400 level. We have attached a new system and we will continue to work on clarifying course levels over the year.

**b**. **What did the faculty in the department or program learn?**

The department learned that we need to restructure the courses.

**c. What will be done differently as a result of what was learned?**

There are three different proposed changes to the curriculum. Please see the attached reports.

**d. What student learning improvement initiatives did you implement as a result of what was learned from this Year’s student learning assurance report?**

The new structures are designed to improve student learning in many ways. We are still deciding on a final model.

1. **Attach a copy of the components of the department/program student learning assurance plan that have been modified since its initial submission.**

Please see the three year plan that will be submitted by the 10/31/12 due date**.**

**Please return to: Office of Student Learning Assurance by September 30.**

**Please send your replies as Word attachment (to:** **wmurry@usfca.edu****).**

**If you have any questions, please contact: William Murry, Director of Student Learning Assurance (****wmurry@usfca.edu** **or x5486).**

**Learning Goals/Outcomes for the B.A. in Theology and Religious Studies**

**Program Outcomes**

The aim of the program is to foster and deepen an engaged, critical, and integrated understanding of the disciplines of Theology and Religious Studies within the University's tradition of Jesuit liberal education. The program of study we provide for our students bridges three thematic areas:

\*Theology and Spiritualities

\*Scriptures and Religious Traditions

\*Religion, Society, and Ethics

Classes are grouped with specific thematic areas, allowing both majors and minors a wide range of options in designing a course of study. The program will provide:

* + an understanding of fundamental issues posed by the world's religious and theological traditions:
	+ inquiry into the diverse forms and expressions of religious experience;
	+ emphasis on the Catholic Christian tradition as well as respectful engagement with other religious, theological, and philosophical traditions of the world.

**Learning Outcomes**

**Human Dimensions of Religion, Theology and Spirituality**

* + Students will be able to understand their own spirituality and recognize how religion, theology, and spirituality underlie and correlate with a broad range of human experience.

**Religious Diversity**

* + Students will be able to understand, differentiate, and appreciate various religious traditions, as encouraged by Vatican II's stance on the Catholic Church's relationship with other faiths. This understanding will entail the creedal vision, moral teachings, historical context, social expression, and key rites and symbols of these faith traditions.

**Social Justice**

* + Students will investigate and discuss how religious and theological traditions can work effectively for social justice and for the good of the entire human family and the environment that sustains it.

**THRS Proposal**

This is the most basic proposal and the foundation for the THRS Proposals B and C

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| **Required Courses (12 units)** | **Notes (and questions)** |
| THRS 100 Introduction to Theology and Religious Studies (new course) or any THRS First Year Seminars or any current THRS D-2 Course | “Gateway course” (new course and other courses that would qualify) |
| THRS 300 Research Methods | The course John Nelson has designed for Fall 2012. |
| THRS 400 Senior Colloquium | Not a new course. Will reconfigure old Senior Seminar course.  |
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| **Electives (16 units)** |  |
| 200 level or above (2 courses) |  |
| 300 or 400 level (2 courses) |  |
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| **Areas (16 units)** |  |
| A. Specialized Religious Traditions (2 courses) |  |
| B. Comparative Religions (1 course) |  |
| C. Religion and Social Justice (1 course) |  |

**Required Courses (12 units)**

THRS 100 Introduction to Theology and Religious Studies (new course)

 OR

THRS 195 First Year Seminar: Voice Memory and Landscape

 OR

THRS 100 other First Year Seminars Judaism, Film….? I have e-mailed Jake for list of approved THRS First Year Seminars. I am waiting for this information.

 AND

THRS 300 Research Methods

 AND

THRS 400 Senior Colloquium

**Electives (16 units)**

2 may be lower division (200) but 2 must be 300 or 400 level.

**Areas (16 units)**

Choose two classes from Area A (Specialized Religious Traditions); one class from Area B (Comparative Religions), and one class from Area C (Religions and Social Justice).

A***. Specialized Religious Traditions***

THRS 104 Mystery of God/Mystery of the Human Person

THRS 106 Introduction to Sacred Scripture

THRS 201 Catholic Tradition I

THRS 202 Portraits of Christ: Intro to the Four Gospels

THRS 220 Catholic Social Thought

THRS 306 Theology in HIV/AIDS Contexts

THRS 308 Who is Jesus? An Intro to Christology

THRS 340 Panamerican Saints: Hagiography and Politics

THRS 341-343 Christian Contemplative Practice I, II, and III: Experience, Mystical Theology, Christianity in Dialogue

THRS 345 Religion of U.S. Latinos

THRS 363 Religion in Latin America

THRS 367 Introduction to Buddhism

THRS 368 Japanese Religion and Society

THRS 370 Zen Buddhism

THRS 371 Hinduism

THRS 379 Buddhist Paths in Asia and North America

THRS 390 Religious Ethics: Islamic Feminist Ethics

THRS 405 Catholic Moral Tradition

THRS 376 Jews, Judaisms, and Jewish Identities

THRS 373 Introduction to Islam

THRS 210 Intro to the Qur’an

THRS 333 Islam in the Modern and Contemporary World

***B. Comparative Religions (each one of these courses handle at least two religious traditions):***

THRS 280 Migrant and Diaspora Religions

THRS 320 Religion and Culture in Late Antiquity

THRS 360 Sacred Places/Sacred Times

THRS 305 Feminist Theology from the Third World

THRS 361 Religion and the Environment

THRS 388 Religion, Psychology, Modern Literature

THRS 366 Religion and Spirituality in Asia

THRS 381 Himalayan Religions and Cultures

THRS 361 Religion and the Environment

THRS 390 Religious Ethics

THRS 404 Environmental Ethics

THRS 470 Contemporary Moral Issues

THRS 280 Migrant and Diaspora Religions

THRS 372 Jewish Christian Relationship

***C. Religion and Social Justice***

THRS 322 Liberation Theology

THRS 306 Theology in HIV/AIDS Contexts

THRS 262 Homosexuality and the Bible

THRS 365 Religion and Globalization

THRS 322 Liberation Theology

THRS 380 Social Justice and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

THRS 327 Social Justice, Activism, and Jews

THRS 397 Community Internships (SL)

Some other requirements:

**Questions to think about and work on for the entire faculty:**

1) For now, courses can fit into only one of the above categories, so make sure your classes fit into the most appropriate category. I have guessed which area your course would fit into, so please tell me to change it, and please add any courses that I have not placed in there, if you wish to do so. Choose a color for yourself to represent your text and add it into the document. I have not figured out where to put the Hebrew Language courses, Aaron. Any suggestions? When we want to do specific tracks and we want to include specific language requirements, we will need some kind of category to do that in. Or we can put a general requirement of a language competency of 1.5 years.

2) All THRS faculty must split their courses into 200 level and 300/400 level. This is the re-numbering we need to do. Look at document labeled “THRSCourseRenumberingDraftDocument.doc”. Please check over what I’ve created from your notes after the January dept. meeting and add any other courses that were not on the original list. I have more than half the faculty but I need the rest of the faculty to fill out their renumbering sequencing. Renumbering is based upon your own discretion—which class would be easiest to adapt, etc. The only rule is this: The 200 levels would be easier than 300 or 400 levels!

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| **Required Courses (12 units)** | **Notes (and questions)** |
| THRS 100 Introduction to Theology and Religious Studies (or First Year Seminars) | “Gateway course” |
| THRS 300 Research Methods | The course John has designed for Fall 2012. |
| THRS 400 Senior Colloquium | Not a new course. Will reconfigure old Senior Seminar course.  |
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| **Electives (16 units)** |  |
| 200 level or above (2 courses) |  |
| 300 or 400 level (2 courses) |  |
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| **Possible Concentrations (16 units)** | Minimum of 3 full-time faculty members per track.  |
| Religion and Social Justice |  |
| Catholicism & Christianity |  |
| Catholicism |  |
| Christianity |  |
| Asian Religions |  |
| Islam |  |
| Judaism  |  |
| Ethics |  |
| Abrahamic Religions |  |
| Latin American Religions |  |
| African Religions |  |
| Comparative Religions |  |

**THRS Proposal B**

**Required Courses (12 units)**

THRS 100 Introduction to Theology and Religious Studies

 OR

THRS 195 First Year Seminar: Voice Memory and Landscape

 OR

THRS 100 other First Year Seminars Judaism, Film….? V-email Jake for list of approved THRS First Year Seminars

 AND

THRS 300 Research Methods

 AND

THRS 400 Senior Colloquium

**Electives (16 units)**

2 may be lower division (200) but 2 must be 300 or 400 level.

**Concentrations (16 units)**

Students must choose four courses from one of the following concentrations.

[These are examples of *some* of the proposed concentrations]

***Catholicism & Christianity [Aquino, Dube, Kendall, Lorenson, Miller, Pizzuto]***

THRS 104 Mystery of God/Mystery of the Human Person

THRS 106 Introduction to Sacred Scripture

THRS 201 Catholic Tradition I

THRS 202 Portraits of Christ: Intro to the Four Gospels

THRS 220 Catholic Social Thought

THRS 262 Homosexuality and the Bible

THRS 305 Feminist Theology from the Third World

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THRS 308 Who is Jesus? An Intro to Christology

THRS 322 Liberation Theology

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THRS 341-343 Christian Contemplative Practice I, II, and III: Experience, Mystical Theology, Christianity in Dialogue

THRS 345 Religion of U.S. Latinos

THRS 363 Religion in Latin America

***Asian Religions [Miller, Nagarajan, Nelson, Wangchuk]***

THRS 365 Religion and Globalization

THRS 366 Religion and Spirituality in Asia

THRS 367 Introduction to Buddhism

THRS 368 Japanese Religion and Society

THRS 370 Zen Buddhism

THRS 371 Hinduism

THRS 381 Himalayan Religions and Cultures

THRS 361 Religion and the Environment

THRS 379 Buddhist Paths in Asia and North America

***Ethics [Hidayatullah, Lorenson]***

THRS 390 Religious Ethics: Islamic Feminist Ethics

THRS 390 Religious Ethics

THRS 405 Catholic Moral Tradition

THRS 404 Environmental Ethics

THRS 470 Contemporary Moral Issues

***Judaism [Tapper]***

THRS 256 First Semester Hebrew

THRS 257 Second Semester Hebrew

THRS 327 Social Justice, Activism, and Jews

THRS 372 Jewish Christian Relationship

THRS 376 Jews, Judaisms, and Jewish Identities

THRS 380 Social Justice and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

***Islam [Hidayatullah]***

THRS 373 Introduction to Islam

THRS 210 Intro to the Qur’an

THRS 280 Migrant and Diaspora Religions

THRS 333 Islam in the Modern and Contemporary World

***Religion and Social Justice [all]***

THRS 322 Liberation Theology

THRS 306 Theology in HIV/AIDS Contexts

THRS 380 Social Justice and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

THRS 361 Religion and the Environment

THRS 327 Social Justice, Activism, and Jews

THRS 397 Community Internships (SL)

***Comparative Religions (Lorentzen, Nelson, Hidayatullah?; Dube; Nagarajan; Wangchuk]***

THRS 280 Migrant and Diaspora Religions

THRS 320 Religion and Culture in Late Antiquity

THRS 360 Sacred Places/Sacred Times

THRS 361 Religion and the Environment

THRS 388 Religion, Psychology, Modern Literature

THRS 365 Religion and Globalization

THRS 366 Religion and Spirituality in Asia

THRS 381 Himalayan Religions and Cultures

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-----As of now, the proposed concentrations: Islam, Ethics, Judaism, Latin American Religions, and African religions, do not meet the minimum of three THRS full-time faculty members per concentration. Therefore, this proposal highly recommends a specialization in an already existing regional minor (see Proposal C), as International Studies has very successfully done. They have piggy-backed on existing interdisciplinary minors, which would be one way for our department to have working regional concentrations without having to double the size of our department!

**Things to think about and work on for the entire faculty:**

1) For now, courses need to fit into only one of the above categories, so make sure your classes fit into the most appropriate category. I have guessed which area your course would fit into, so please tell me to change it, and please add any courses that I have not added, if you wish to do so.

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3) The concentrations---how to overcome the obstacle of having three full time THRS faculty under each concentration, how to not privilege one concentration over the other, and how to include everyone.

**THRS Proposal C**

[This plan can stand on its own, or be substituted for part of Proposal A or B]

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| **Electives (12 units)** |  |
| 200 level or above (1 course) |  |
| 300 or 400 level (2 courses) |  |
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| **Regional Minors (20 units)** | Students must fulfill the requirements of one of the following interdisciplinary regional minors offered at USF, provided 3 out of 5 of these classes come from the THRS department.  |
| African Studies |  |
| Asian Studies |  |
| European Studies |  |
| Latin American Studies |  |
| Middle Eastern Studies |  |

**Required Courses (12 units)**

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 OR

THRS 195 First Year Seminar: Voice Memory and Landscape

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 AND

THRS 300 Research Methods

 AND

THRS 400 Senior Colloquium

**Electives (12 units)**

1 course may be lower division (200) but 2 must be 300 or 400 level.

**Regional Minors (20 units)**

Students must fulfill the requirements of one of the following interdisciplinary regional minors offered at USF: African Studies, Asian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, or Middle Eastern Studies. However, 3 out of 5 of these classes must come from the THRS department for it to count as part of the THRS major.

Below are the requirements for the regional minor’s offered at USF, with asterisks (\*) next to the classes that are from the THRS department or can be substituted for THRS courses.

**African Studies**

**Core Courses (12 credits)**

* [HIST - 150](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#150) Modern African History
	1. OR
* [POLS - 348](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#348) Politics and Development in Africa
* AND
* Two courses offering full coverage of Africa (8 credits)

**Elective courses (8 credits)**

* At least one course must offer full or partial coverage of Africa.

**Courses offering full coverage of Africa**

* [ART - 308](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/art/courses/#308) African Art
* [ECON - 285](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/econ/courses/#285) Economies of Modern Africa
* [FREN - 195](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/fren/courses/#195) Freshman Seminar: A Season in the Congo
* [FREN - 260](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/fren/courses/#260) a.k.a. Africa: Mapping Identities in African Literature and Film
* [FREN - 250](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/fren/courses/#250) Africa Films Africa
* [FREN - 330](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/fren/courses/#330) Francophone Literature I
* [THRS - 306](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#306) Theology in HIV/AIDS Contexts
* [HIST - 150](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#150) Modern African History
* [HIST - 340](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#340) History of South Africa
* [HIST - 342](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#342) Environmental History of Africa
* [HIST - 343](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#343) Pre-Colonial Africa
* [INTD - 330](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/intd/courses/#330) South Africa Today
* [INTD - 331](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/intd/courses/#331) Zambia Today
* [INTD - 340](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/intd/courses/#340) African Literature: Islamic Perspectives
* [LAS - 312](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/las/courses/#312) Sarlo Scholars: Global Service Learning
* [MUS - 212](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/mus/courses/#212) Survey of African Music
* [POLS - 348](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#348) Politics and Development in Africa
* [POLS - 392](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#392) Special Subjects in Politics (Focus on Africa)
* [THRS - 270](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#270) African Theologies and Cosmologies\*

**Courses offering partial coverage of Africa**

* [ECON - 372](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/econ/courses/#372) Economic Development
* [ECON - 280](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/econ/courses/#280) The Global Economy
* [ECON - 473](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/econ/courses/#473) Development Microeconomics
* [PASJ - 305](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pasj/courses/#305) Theater and Culture
* [FREN - 450](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/fren/courses/#450) Seminar: Special Topics in Francophone Literature and Culture
* [HIST - 341](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#341) Feast and Famine: A History of Food
* [HIST - 310](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#310) The Ancient Near East
* [MS - 407](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/ms/courses/#407) Alternative Media and Social Change
* [POLS - 113](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#113) Introduction to International Politics
* [POLS - 315](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#315) Global Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism
* [POLS - 332](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#332) Political Thought of Developing countries
* [POLS - 345](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#345) Global Economic Justice
* [POLS - 352](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#352) Human Rights and Global Change
* [POLS - 360](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#360) International Environmental Politics/
* [ENVA - 360](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/enva/courses/#360) International  Environmental Politics
* [POLS - 382](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#382) Politics of International Aid and Development
* [POLS - 450](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#450) Political Economy of Developing Nations
* [SOC - 231](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#231) Introduction to Globalization
* [SOC - 233](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#233) Gender, Development and Globalization
* [SOC - 322](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#322) Globalization and Resistance
* [SOC - 333](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#333) Nationalism and Citizenship
* [SOC - 352](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#352) Politics and Society
* [SOC - 360](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#360) Urbanization and Development/
* [ENVA - 364](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/enva/courses/#364) Urbanization and Development
* [THRS - 305](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#305) Feminist Theology from the Third World\*

**Courses offering coverage of African-American Issues**

* [ENGL - 203](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/engl/courses/#203) African American Literature Survey I
* [ENGL - 204](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/engl/courses/#204) African American Literature Survey II
* [ENGL - 401](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/engl/courses/#401) African American Women Novelists
* [HIST - 125](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#125) African American History
* [POLS - 324](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#324) African-American Politics
* [PHIL - 343](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/phil/courses/#343) African American Philosophy
* [PASJ - 325](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pasj/courses/#325) The Harlem Renaissance
* [SOC - 238](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#238) African American Culture and Society
* [SOC - 240](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#240) People of Mixed Descent
* [HIST - 363](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#3) Race and Ethnicity in United States History
* [MS - 204](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/ms/courses/#204) Media, Stereotyping and Violence
* [MS - 303](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/ms/courses/#303) Race, Ethnicity and Media
* [POLS - 336](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#336) Race, Equality and the Law
* [PSYC - 305](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/psyc/courses/#305) Psychology of Ethnic groups in the United States

 [SOC - 325](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/soc/courses/#325) Critical Approaches to Race and Ethnicity

*Possible Additional Courses from THRS dept: (??)*

**Asian Studies**

**Gateway Courses**

One Gateway course is required of ALL students pursuing the Minor.

* [HIST - 130](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#130) East Asian Civilizations
* OR
* [THRS - 366](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#366) Religion and Spirituality in Asia\*

**Electives**

For the remaining twelve (12) credits students must choose one course from each of the three groups.

**Group I. East Asia: History and Politics**

* [HIST - 380](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#380) Traditional China to 1839
* [HIST - 381](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#381) Modern China: Revolution and Modernization
* [HIST - 383](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#383) Modern Japan Since Perry
* [HIST - 386](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#386) History of U.S.-China Relations
* [HIST - 387](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#387) History of U.S.-Japan Relations
* [POLS - 347](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#347) Government and Politics of China and East Asia

**Group II. South and Southeast Asia: History and Politics**

* [POLS - 346](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#346) Government & Politics of India & Southeast Asia
* [POLS - 358](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#358) International Relations of India and Southeast Asia
* [POLS - 359](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#359) International Politics of the Asia Pacific Rim
* [HIST - 135](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#135) Indian Civilizations
* [YPSP - 301](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/asian/courses/#301) Philippine History from Pre-Spanish Times to 1900
* [YPSP - 325](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/asian/courses/#325) Filipino Culture and Society

**Group III. Humanities, Arts, and Cultures of Asia**

* [ART- 307](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/art/courses/#307) Asian Art
* [PHIL - 220](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/phil/courses/#220) Asian Philosophy
* [THRS - 361](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#361) Religion and the Environment\*
* [THRS - 366](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#366) Religion and Spirituality in Asia\*
* [THRS - 371](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#371) Hinduism\*
* [THRS - 373](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#373) Introduction to Islam\*
* [THRS - 379](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#379) Buddhist Paths in Asia and North America\*
* [THRS - 384](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#384) Religion and Nonviolence\*
* [JAPN - 350](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/japn/courses/#350) Japanese Culture
* [JAPN - 351](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/japn/courses/#351) Contemporary Japanese Culture
* [JAPN - 355](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/japn/courses/#355) Japanese Literature in Translation
* [CHIN - 355](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/chin/courses/#355) Chinese Literature in Translation
* J[APN - 310](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/japn/courses/#310) Zen and the Art of Japanese Calligraphy

 [APS - 390](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/asian/courses/#390) Special Topics

*Possible Additional Courses from THRS dept: (??)*

**Latin American Studies**

**Core Courses (12 credits)**

* [LAS - 376](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/las/courses/#376) Latin American Perspectives
* AND
* [SPAN - 202](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/span/courses/#202) Fourth Semester Spanish
* OR
* PORT 102 Intensive Portuguese 2
* AND
* [LAS - 301](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/las/courses/#301) Religion in Latin America \*
* OR
* [SPAN - 303](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/span/courses/#303) Latin American Literature I or
* OR
* [SPAN - 304](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/span/courses/#304) Latin American Literature II

**Elective Courses (8 credits)**

Students may select any two other Latin American Studies courses from those listed for the major: Humanities, Literature and the Arts, the Social Sciences, including Border Issues, El Salvador Today and Semester in Latin America.

**Courses listed for the major:**

**Required Core Courses**

* LAS - 376 Latin American Perspectives (History 0115-140)
* LAS - 301 Religion in Latin America (Theology 0128-363)\*
* LAS - 330 Semester in Latin America
* SPAN - 202 Fourth Semester Spanish or
* PORT - 102 Second Semester Portuguese
* SPAN - 303 Latin American Literature I or
* SPAN - 304 Latin American Literature II

**Elective Courses**

**Humanities**

* HIST - 370 Colonial Latin America
* HIST - 371 Modern Latin America
* HIST - 372 Indigenous and Colonial Mexico
* HIST - 373 Modern Mexico
* HIST - 374 History of Central America and the Caribbean
* HIST - 375 Brazil and Amazonia
* HIST - 377 The Southern Cone
* HIST - 378 Andean Nations
* HIST - 379 Latinos in the U.S.
* HIST - 430 Undergraduate Seminar in Latin American History
* LAS - 363 Latin American Philosophy
* LAS - 401 Latin American Seminar
* LAS - 322 Liberation Theology
* LAS - 340 Panamerican Saints: Hagiography and Politics
* THRS - 345 Religion of U.S. Latinos\*
* THRS - 305 Feminist Theology from the Third World\*

**Literature and the Arts**

* LAS - 210 Music of the Americas
* LAS - 305 Latin@America Performance and Culture
* LAS - 317 Latin American Cinema
* LAS - 350 Human Rights and Film
* LAS - 380 Latin@s in the U.S. Media
* SPAN - 271 Feminist Discourse and Feminist Theories in Latin American Literature or
* SPAN - 371 Feminist Discourse and Feminist Theories in Latin American Literature
* SPAN - 332 Survey of Spanish-American Literature
* SPAN - 285 Language and Culture in Latin America (English)
* SPAN - 385 Language and Culture in Latin America (Spanish)
* SPAN - 332 Survey of Spanish-American Literature
* SPAN - 335 Twentieth Century Spanish-American Literature
* SPAN - 481 Senior Seminar: Latin American Literature
* MUS - 212 Music and Social Protest

**Social Sciences**

* ECON - 286 Economies of Latin America
* ECON - 370 International Economics
* ECON - 473 Development Microeconomics
* LAS - 390 Special Topics
* LAS - 395 Internship
* POLS - 325 Latino Politics in the U.S.
* POLS - 331 Latin American Politics
* POLS - 338 Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective
* POLS - 345 Global Economic Justice
* POLS - 450 Political Economy of Developing Nations
* MS - 407 Alternative Media and Social Change
* SOC - 233 Gender, Development and Globalization
* SOC - 302 Global Inequalities and Social Justice
* SOC - 313 Latin@-Chican@ Culture and Society
* SOC - 320 Global Environments and Societies
* SOC - 322 Globalization and Resistance
* SOC - 361 Brazilian Culture and Society
* SPAN - 301 Building Bridges: ESL in Spanish Speaking Communities

 SPAN - 402 Service Learning Project

*Possible Additional Courses from THRS dept: (??)*

**European Studies**

**Required Course (4 units):**

* [POLS - 342](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#342) Politics and Society in Europe

**Elective Courses (12 units)**

Students must complete three courses in Europe-related topics.

Choose four of the following:

* ART - 101 Survey of Western Art History I OR
* ART - 102 Survey of Western Art History II
* ART - 302 Renaissance Art
* ART - 303 Baroque Art
* ART - 305 Modern and Contemporary Art
* ART - 306 Women and Art
* ECON - 306 Economies of Modern Europe
* ENGL - 290 Survey of British Literature and Methods
* FREN - 315 Paris: Biographie d'une ville
* FREN - 322 Le bon sens et la folie
* FREN - 324 Guerre et paix
* FREN - 340 French Cinema and Literature
* FREN/GERM - 350 Paris-Berlin
* GERM - 318 Jewish Literature and Culture in 20th Century Europe\*?
* GERM - 320 German Literature and Culture from 1945 to Today
* [HIST -](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#316)110 European Civilization
* [HIST - 3](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#318)17 Transatlantic Encounters: Europe in the Americas, 1492-1700
* [HIST - 3](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#319)18 From Plague to Revolution: Early Modern Europe
* HIST - 319 Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Medieval Europe\*?
* HIST - 322 The Holocaust
* HIST - 327 Modern European Intellectual History
* HIST - 335 History of Modern Germany
* HIST - 338 History of Russia and the Soviet Union
* POLS - 340 Politics and Change in Russia/Neighboring States
* POLS - 343 Politics and Change in East-Central Europe
* POLS - 356 The Vatican in Global Politics\*?
* POLS - 357 Integration of Europe
* SPAN - 338 Love and Sex, Vengeance and Death: Honor in Early Spain
* SPAN - 355 Cultural Studies of Spain
* SPAN - 455 Cultures in Contact and Conflict: Christian, Muslims and Jews in Early Modern Spain\*?

**Language Selected (4 units)**

Students must demonstrate competence in a modern European language equivalent to four semesters of study at USF.

*Possible Additional Courses from THRS dept: (??)*

**Middle Eastern Studies**

**Core (12 credits)**

* [HIST - 389](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#389) The Modern Middle East
* AND
* [THRS - 373](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#373) Introduction to Islam\*
* AND
* [POLS - 349](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#349) Government and Politics of the Middle East
* OR
* [POLS - 354](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#354) International Relations of the Middle East

**Electives (8 credits)**

* [HIST - 310](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#310) The Ancient Near East
* [HIST - 388](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/hist/courses/#388) Islamic Empires
* INTD - 390 Facilitation training: Working with Groups in Conflict
* [POLS - 351](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#351) Global Conflict Resolution
* [POLS - 378](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/pols/courses/#378) United States Middle East Policy
* [THRS - 318](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#318) Religious Nonviolence and the Politics of Interpretation: The Case of Israel and Palestine\*
* [THRS - 376](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#376) Jews, Judaisms, and Jewish Identities\*

 [THRS - 380](http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/artsci/thrs/courses/#380) Social Justice and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict\*

*Possible Additional Courses from THRS dept: (??)*

**Things to think about and work on for the entire faculty:**

1. Some minors are more rigorous than others (ie. European studies demands student must demonstrate language competence equivalent to 4 semesters at USF).
	1. Also, do we want a specific language requirement? Could deter students who do not want to study a language corresponding to the region they choose because have already chosen another for the USF requirement.
2. All of the minors can be adapted carefully so that 3 out of the 5 classes required for the minor could come from the THRS department. Is this enough?
3. Many THRS courses could fit into these regional minors but are not listed as of yet. This will require a discussion with the corresponding minor chairs. It will also involve a discussion among THRS faculty to see which courses can fit under which regional tracks.
4. Is it possible for a minor to be part of a major but also stand on its own as a separate minor, or is that double-counting too many classes?
	1. V-ask Marvella and Dean’s office. How does International Studies do it?
5. All THRS faculty must split their courses into 200 level and 300/400 level. This is the re-numbering we need to do. Look at document labeled “THRSCourseRenumberingDraftDocument.doc”. Please check over what I’ve created from your notes after the January dept. meeting and add any other courses that were not on the original list. I have more than half the faculty but I need the rest of the faculty to fill out their renumbering sequencing. Renumbering is based upon your own discretion—which class would be easiest to adapt, etc. The only rule is this: The 200 levels would be easier than 300 or 400 levels!