

10 Proposal #
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REQUEST FOR A NEW COURSE

University of Central Oklahoma

Course Subject (Prefix), Number, and Title:

Course Subject	Recommended Number	Course Title (maximum of 30 characters) *Remember when abbreviating names, this is how they will appear on student's transcripts.
<u>PSY</u>	<u>5XX3</u>	<u>Psychology of Religion</u>

Course Title: (full title of course if longer than 30 characters)

For information regarding CIP codes contact your department chair or visit: http://www.uco.edu/academic-affairs/ir/program_inventory.asp

CIP Code: 42.0101

For graduate courses, please attach a syllabus for this course. (See syllabus requirement policy 2.2.)

Course description as it will appear in the appropriate catalog.

Course description only Do not include prerequisites or enrollment restrictions, these should be added under questions 6-12.
(Please use standard American English including full sentences.)

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Psychology

Department submitting the proposal

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Approved by:

[Signature] 7/29/20
Department Chairperson Date

[Signature] 8/21/20
College Curriculum Committee Chair Date
(Please notify department chair when proposal is forwarded to dean.)

[Signature] 8/21/20
College Dean Date
(Please notify the department chair when proposal is forwarded to AA.)

Academic Affairs Curriculum or Graduate Council Date

Office of Academic Affairs Date

Effective term for this new course
(Assigned by the Office of Academic Affairs.)

1. Does this course have an undergraduate / graduate counterpart?

Yes No

2. Is this proposal part of a larger submission package including a program change?

Yes No

3. Does this new course affect a teacher preparation program? (All courses required for any teacher preparation program must have approval from the Council on Teacher Education (CTE) before approval from AACC or Graduate Council.)

Yes No If yes, send copy of proposal to the Education Curriculum Committee Chair, Dr. Darla Fent.
CTE Approval (Stamp or initial) _____

4. Has this course been previously taught as a common course (4910 seminar, 4960 institute, etc.)?

Yes No If yes, when was the most recent offering? 4960 – January 2015

5. Does this course affect majors or minors outside the department?

Yes No If yes, provide name(s) of department chair(s) contacted, dates, and results of discussion.

6. Prerequisite courses:

Example 1: MATH 1213 and (MATH 2165 or MATH 2185) and CHEM 1213 Example 3: 8 hours of biology including BIO 1404
Example 2: (ACCT 2113 and 2213) and (MGMT 3013 or ISOM 3613)

NA

7. Co-requisite(s): Which of the above prerequisite courses, if any, may be taken in the same semester as the proposed new course?

NA

8. Concurrent enrollment: Courses that must be taken the same semester. Example: lab courses.

NA

9. Will this course have enrollment restrictions?

Yes No If No, go to question 13.

10. Specify which major(s) may or may not take this course. Specifying a major, excludes all other majors from enrolling.

Check one: May May not

Major Code: _____

11. Which of the following student classification(s) may enroll in this course?

Check all that apply:

- Graduate (2) 19 + hours
- Graduate (1) 0-18 hours
- Post Baccalaureate *
- Senior
- Junior
- Sophomore
- Freshman

* Graduate level courses are not open to Post Baccalaureate students.

12. Check or list other restrictions for this course.

- Admission to Graduate Programs
- Admission to Nursing Program
- Admission to Teacher Education

Other _____

13. **Course objectives:** Objectives should be observable, measurable and include scholarly or creative activities to meet the course level characteristics. Course objectives should also be in line with the course description. (Please refer to instructional objectives documents at: <http://www.uco.edu/academic-affairs/faculty-staff/aacc.asp#FAQ/Helpful%20Hints>.)

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4. **Analyze** current research in the field, such that the research paradigms can be identified and inferences can be drawn;
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6. **Evaluate** material and research for a given purpose, based on knowledge, personal values, and opinion.

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Course Detail Information:

14. Contact Hours (per week)

Lecture hours (in class)

Lab hours (also studios)

Other (outside activities)

15. Repeatable course.

Number of times this course can be taken for credit.

16. Schedule type: (select one only)

Activity P.E. (A)

Lab only (B)

Lecture/Lab (C)

Lecture only (L)

Recitation/Lab (R)

Student Teaching (STU)

Studio Art/Design (XSU)

17. List existing course(s) for which this course will be a prerequisite. Adding a "new course" as a prerequisite to an existing course will likely cause enrollment problems. (Please submit a prerequisite change form for each course for which this course will serve as a prerequisite.)

None

18. What resources, technology or equipment must be acquired to teach this course? List items, which must be purchased and estimate cost. (Be specific, e.g., technology software, equipment, computer lab; etc.)

None

19. The UCO Library has the required library resources available for this new course?

Yes No If yes, provide names of Librarian/Faculty Liaisons contacted, dates, and results of discussion. According to Kirsten Davis (February 28, 2020; see attached), "given that these are essentially rearrangements of existing programs/classes, things should be fine from a resources perspective."

If no, what additional library resources must be acquired for this new course? List items which must be purchased and estimated cost. (Be specific, e.g., books, magazines, journals, etc.)

Not applicable/None needed

20. Names of current faculty qualified to teach this course.

Alicia Limke-McLean; Gabriel Rupp

21. Additional faculty (adjunct or full-time) required and specific competencies required to teach this course:

No additional faculty are needed at this time. A background in social psychology is needed to teach the course.

22. How will this course be staffed and equipped? Identify the additional costs associated with this new course. If no costs, explain why not.

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23. Identify the source(s) of funds for any additional costs for the new course. i.e. internal reallocations, special fees from students, etc. If you plan to propose special fees be assessed for this course, be aware there is a separate approval process for special fees.

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24. Projected enrollment for two academic years following approval of new course:

Semester	2021	2022
Fall		
Spring	10	10
Summer		

25. Using State Regents' definition of liberal arts and sciences (quoted below), characterize the course as follows:

Non-liberal arts and sciences
 Liberal arts and sciences

"The liberal arts and sciences are defined as those traditional fields of study in the humanities; social and behavioral sciences; communications; natural and life sciences, mathematics; and the history, literature, and theory of fine arts (music, art, drama, dance). Courses in these fields whose primary purpose is directed toward specific occupational or professional objectives, or courses in the arts which rely substantially on studio or performance work are not considered to be liberal arts and sciences for the purpose of this policy. Courses required for the General Educational Program are not necessarily synonymous or mutually exclusive with the liberal arts and sciences." State Regents Policy and Procedures. Chapter 2, Section 5, "Degree Requirements" part 1. (2). P. II-2-86

26. Please provide a concise, yet comprehensive, statement that explains the reasons for requesting the new course. Include documentation or assessment information supporting the specific request (if possible). Indicate the expected source of student enrollment (majors, minors, programs etc.)

In the department's Self-Study for Continuous Improvement (SSCI), external reviewers suggested (a) a greater breadth of courses be offered, (b) a greater depth of courses be offered, and (c) courses devoted to multicultural and diversity issues. This course will help meet these suggestions. Moreover, according to national data, this is a typical specialty course in the area of psychology.

- 27 Which of the six transformative learning tenets does this course incorporate? (check all that apply or only those that apply) This question was a directive from the Provost and is used for informational purposes.

Discipline Knowledge	<u>X</u>
Leadership	<u>X</u>
Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities	<u>X</u>
Service Learning and Civic Engagement	<u>X</u>
Global and Cultural Competencies	<u>X</u>
Health and Wellness	<u>X</u>

28. Clearly explain how the characteristics of this course meet or exceed those outlined in Course Level Characteristics. (Copy and paste table from "Course Level Characteristics" document for the appropriate course level of proposed course. Document may be found on: <http://sites.uco.edu/academic-affairs/files/course-level-characteristics-table.doc> .

5000 LEVEL COURSES

Course Level Characteristics	Please describe how this course meets this requirement.
1. It is assumed that students in these courses have acquired the ability to use verbal and written communication effectively, to engage in analytical thought and creative processes, and to use information and bibliographic sources with skill.	This will be met with admission to the graduate program.
2. It is assumed that students in these courses have achieved a significant level of maturity in the discipline, evidenced by a considerable background of knowledge.	This will be met admission to the graduate program.
3. These courses should be more than a mere extension of undergraduate courses. Rather, they should be qualitatively different. At a minimum: a) Students should be required to undertake original scholarly/creative activity or research. b) Students should assume greater responsibility for independently mastering more of the subject matter. c) Close working relationships should exist between instructors and students to analyze and synthesize course material.	This will be met with a requirement for an original research proposal, submission of original discussion questions, and facilitation of class discussions/presentations.

PSY 5XX3: Psychology of Religion

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Office Location: OLN111A

Office hours: TBD

Required Texts:

Gwynne, P. (2017). *World religions in practice. A comparative introduction* (2nd ed.). Malden, MA: Wiley Publishing.

Hood, R. W., Hill, P. C., & Spilka, B. (2018). *The psychology of religion: An empirical approach* (5th ed.). New York, NY: The Guilford Press.

Beck, R. (2012). *The authenticity of faith: The varieties and illusions of religious experience*. Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press.

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Requirements

There are three texts for the course, listed above. The course is built around two textbooks and a group project will require the use of the other. The evaluation of your performance in the course is described below:

Attendance and Participation

This is not a typical lecture class. Therefore, class attendance and participation are required. Although class periods may consist of minimal review of the readings, most of the time will be spent in discussion and debate; therefore, students must be present for the entire class (and contribute to the class discussion through useful comments that go beyond mere agreement/disagreement or expression of personal views) to receive credit for class attendance/participation. I will give students ONE "free pass" for an absence. I will deduct 5 points from each class missed above the one automatically allowed.

Group Presentation

On the first day of class, you will be randomly assigned to one of five groups. Each group will be randomly assigned one of the five major world religions (Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, and Buddhism) about which they will review all aspects covered in the secondary text in a group presentation during the final week of class. Each group member will be graded separately regarding involvement in preparing the presentation (worth 150 points) including:

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| ✓ Image | ✓ Food |
| ✓ Book | ✓ Clothing |
| ✓ Ethics | ✓ Day |
| ✓ Birth | ✓ Year |
| ✓ Death | ✓ Building |
| ✓ Marriage | ✓ Journey |

Chapter Reaction Papers

This class will be taught as a seminar; that is, students are expected to contribute their ideas to the course through daily discussions. To prepare, students will complete an original reaction paper for each chapter covered, **due by the beginning of class at 8:00 a.m.** These reaction papers should be about 2 to 3 pages in length (for each chapter) and should contain **at least 5 points for discussion** (or students' questions about the readings; clearly numbered or labeled as such) for each chapter. However, of the 14 possible chapters, only 10 chapter reaction papers are required. *The BEST approach to writing the reaction papers is to propose five original questions and to write a paragraph or two underneath each question that explains the rationale for the question and/or potential answers to it. Reaction papers must be submitted through Turnitin.com (which is part of the course D2L page).* Reaction papers will be worth 25 points each (for a total of 250 points).

Religious Integration Paper

Students will complete a term paper in which they will integrate the information discussed in class with at least two different movies viewed during class. That is, students will choose two movies representing a religion (different from the one used in the group presentation) and compare/contrast the religions using the concepts discussed in the course. For example, students presenting over Buddhism might choose to write about Judaism and Islam in a paper comparing the psychological experience associated with conversion and spiritual transformation that is associated with each. Term papers should follow the stylistic and editorial guidelines found in the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2009)* and should include at least 8 pages of text. No title page, abstract, or reference page is necessary. Term papers should be double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman (or Times) font, with 1" margins. Term papers are due the **Monday following the completion of the intercession at 11:59 p.m. Monday of finals week at 11:59 p.m. and must be submitted through Turnitin.com (which is part of the course D2L page).** Late papers will not be accepted. Literature reviews will be worth 150 points.

Literature Review/Proposal

Students will also complete an original literature review designed to pique interest to investigate an unanswered question in the field. In this literature review, students will outline the need for research on an original question by reviewing the current literature in the field. Proposals should be at least 10 pages of text and should contain at least 20 peer-reviewed sources. Proposals should be double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1" margins. Literature reviews are due by the **Monday of finals week at 11:59 p.m.**

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Grading

Final course grades will be based on the group presentation (worth 150 points), reaction papers (worth 250 points), religious integration paper (worth 150 points) and literature review/proposal (worth 200 points) for a total of 750 points possible in the course.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS AND CLASS GUIDELINES

*****Show up. Show respect. Make an effort.*****

Read the text. Students are expected to read the material we are covering before coming to class. This helps students in at least two ways: (1) it exposes them to the material before the class discussions, making it easier to understand the discussion material and thus get more out of it; and (2) it prepares students with questions that might arise from the reading and may then be asked in class while the topic is being discussed. In addition, chapter reaction papers require that you are familiar with the material prior to each day's discussions.

Ask questions. If there is something you do not understand, ask questions.

Be considerate. Ultimately, I cannot make you pay attention and I cannot make you learn. However, I will do what I can to keep anyone from taking that opportunity away from those around him or her. In other words, if you are not in the mood to pay attention and would rather read the newspaper, visit with your neighbors, listen to your MP3 player, or text message your friends, just do not come to class. If you are disrupting class, you will be asked to leave. **Please mute all pagers and cell phones** so as not to disrupt the class.

Most importantly, with freedom comes responsibility, and so I also encourage you to use discretion and consideration when commenting -- we do not all share the same views and upbringing. Specifically, this course examines the psychology of religion (including the experience of conversion), but it is not appropriate to proselytize during class discussions or presentations. If this occurs, students will be asked to leave the class immediately. **I completely expect the utmost respect to be displayed in my classroom.**

Communicate with me. At a larger university like this one, it is too easy for students to get "lost." I encourage you to come by my office and introduce yourself or talk to me after class; you will get more out of this class if you feel like your investment in it matters. If you prefer to communicate via e-mail, know that I will respond to legitimate requests (i.e., not questions such as "did I miss anything important today in class") as soon as possible (i.e., *usually* within one school day - excepting university holidays).

RELEVANT POLICIES

Reasonable Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

The University of Central Oklahoma complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students with disabilities who need special

accommodations must make their requests by contacting the Coordinator of Disability Support Services, Ms. Kimberly Fields, at (405) 974-2549. The DSS Office is located in the Nigh University Center, Room 309. Students should also notify me of special accommodation needs by the end of the first week of class.

Academic Integrity and Dishonesty

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Here are my basic assumptions about academic work at the University of Central Oklahoma: (1) Students attend UCO to learn and to grow. (2) Academic assignments exist for the sake of this goal. (3) Grades exist to show how fully the goal is attained. (4) Thus, all work and all grades should result from the student's own effort to learn and to grow. Academic work completed any other way is pointless, and grades obtained any other way are fraudulent.

The university also provides the following statement regarding the prevention of plagiarism:

"UCO subscribes to the Turnitin.com plagiarism prevention service. Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted assignments will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com restricted access reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such assignments. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the Turnitin.com website. Turnitin.com is just one of various plagiarism prevention tools and methods which may be utilized by your faculty instructor during the term of the semester. In the UCO Student Handbook, there is a process for contesting any plagiarism allegations against you."

Example Discussion Question (from Psychology of Religion)

Psychologists advocate an empirical, scientific approach to the study of religion. **CAN A PSYCHOLOGIST OF RELIGION WHO IS ALSO DEVOUTLY RELIGIOUS BE OBJECTIVE?** That is, from a standard scientific perspective, an individual who is both a believer and a scientist may experience a conflicting struggle for definitive answers, and thus may be less able to less qualified to be objective. However, this may be a problem for a psychologist taking a firm stand on *any* issue (not just one that is religious in nature) and may also be a problem for agnostic or atheist individuals who may also be prone to prejudices. Thus, self-examination is a prerequisite to self-understanding and to the avoidance of short-sighted prejudices. At the very least, all researchers (regardless of the discipline or question) should acknowledge their own vulnerabilities to bias and should resolve to prevent them from driving their research and conclusions (as much as possible). Gould (1999) argued that there is no inherent conflict between religion and science, insofar as science deals with facts and religion with values. Thus, religion and science are non-overlapping domains of teaching and authority.