

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

ITEM 128-2010+R0905

Institution: Montana State University--Bozeman

Program Title: Religious Studies Option in History Degree

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

At the core of MSU—Bozeman's mission is the commitment to meeting student need, especially where that is well-matched to faculty expertise. The proposed option would recognize the unique preparation of students in our History degree who elect to focus in the area of Religious Studies where faculty expertise and courses already exist.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

The proposed option would meet a growing demand by students for recognition of the value of Religious Studies within an historical context.

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

In line with a broad education, students will enhance their critical thinking and analytical skills, which will be of use in both the public and private sector.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)

The qualitative impacts are indicated above. Quantitative impacts are impossible to estimate.

5. What is the program's planned capacity?

• Break-even point?	0	FTE students
• Enrollments / year?	5	
• Graduates / year?	3	
• MT jobs / year?	0	

6. Resource Allocation:

• Total program budget?	\$ 0
• Faculty FTE?	0
• Staff FTE?	0

7. Does this program require new resources? Yes No

If yes, what is the amount? \$ _____

8. How will the campus fund the program?

As the proposed program utilizes existing courses, and any increased enrollments will be marginal and easily managed within existing structures, no funding is required.

9. If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources.

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