II. DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRICULAR CHANGE

1. New Syllabus of Record

RLST 311: Eastern Philosophy

I. Catalog Description

RLST 311 Eastern Philosophy 3 class hours

0 lab hours

Prerequisite: none 3 credits

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An examination of texts from East Asia and South Asia that address such philosophical areas as the nature of human knowledge, the nature of reality, and ethics. The class may include readings from such traditions as Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, and/or Hinduism.

II. Course Outcomes (Expected Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes)

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Atman: Self as essence

Maya: The illusory nature of "reality"

Brahman: Universal Being as Impersonal Absolute Ishvara: Ultimate reality as Personal Absolute

Indian Buddhist Philosophy: Madyamika Metaphysics (5 hours) (Quiz 4)

Anatman: The false sense of Self Senses, aggregates, and elements

Shunyata (Emptiness): A Buddhist approach to the mind-body problem

Causality: A Buddhist metaphysics

Unit 6: The Daoist Approach II: Zhuangzi (6 hours)

Radical relativism: the limits of knowledge and ethics

The usefulness of uselessness

Test 2 (1 hour)

Unit 7: The Confucian Project III: Zhu Xi and Yi Toegye (5 hours) (Quiz 5)

Li and xiang: Principle and phenomena You and wu: Being and non-being

Xin and Xing: Revisiting mind and nature

The communal self: Neo-Confucian political philosophy

Feminist critiques of Confucian philosophy

Unit 8: Japanese Buddhist Philosophy: The Kyoto School (5 hours)

Emptiness and nihility Emptiness and time Emptiness and history

Culminating activity: a final exam to take place during final exam period.

IV. Evaluation Method

Quizzes 10% (five quizzes, 2% each) Tests 30% (two tests, 15% each)

Final Exam 30%

Final Project 30% (diagrams with accompanying essays)

ı	VI. Attendance Policy Students will be expected to come to class regularly. The faculty member teaching the course will define attendance standards for the course and the consequences of not meeting those standards. The instructor's policy will conform to the standards set by the University Senate: it will be distributed in writing to students during the first week of the course; it will recognize
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	limited level of allowable absence.
	VII. Required Textbooks Chandler, "RLST 311 Reader" (selections from Mulamadhyamakakarika, Jinsi Lu, etc.) Ivanhoe, Philip J. and Bryan Van Norden. Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy. Hacket Pub. Company, 2006. Nishitani Keiii. Religion and Nothingness. Berkeley: California University Press. 1982.
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	VIII. Special Resource Requirements There are no special resource requirements.
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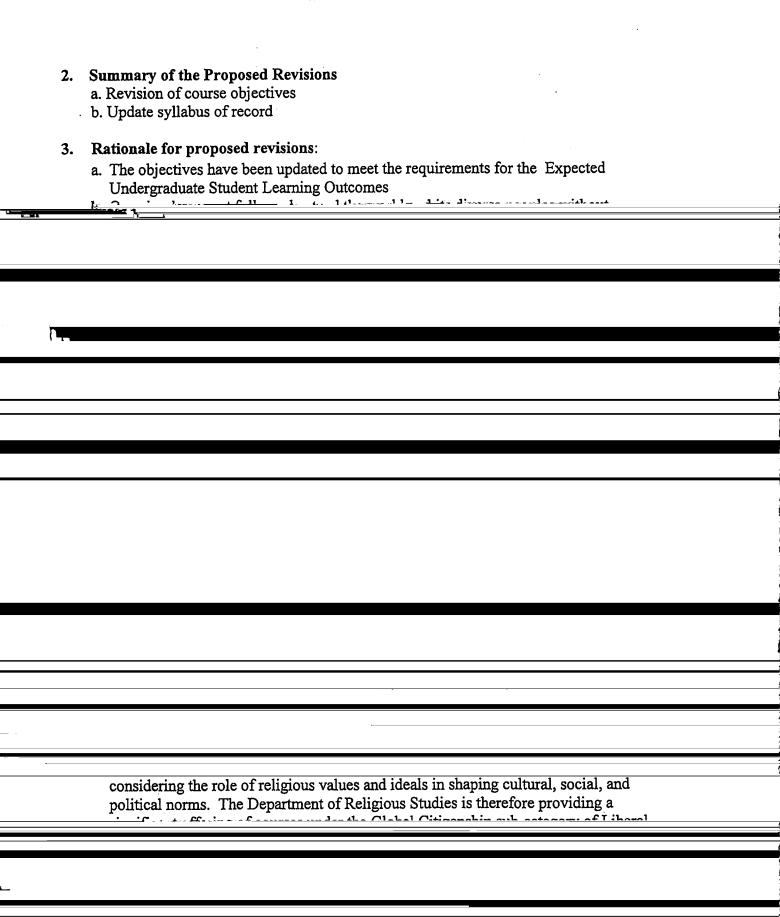
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Evaluation of the Sample Assignment (grading rubric):

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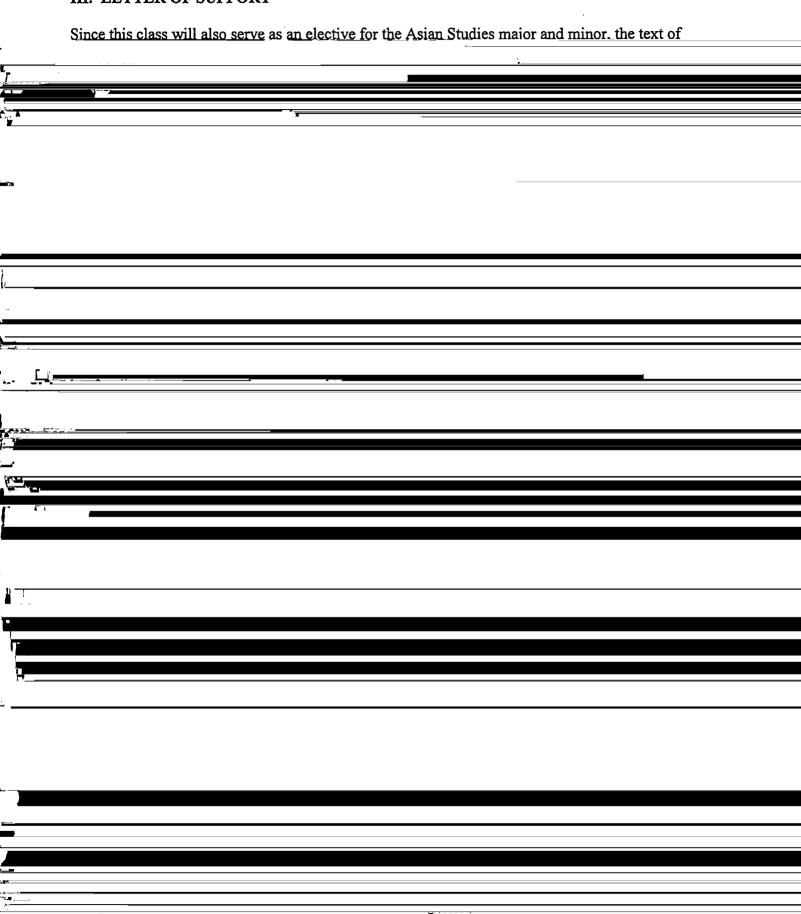
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III. LETTER OF SUPPORT



IV. LIBERAL STUDIES COURSE APPROVAL GENERAL INFORMATION

	A. Since for the foreseeable future Dr. Stuart Chandler is the only member on the faculty of the Department of Religious Studies who intends to teach this course, basic equivalency among the sections is assured.
	B. Nearly all of the readings for this course are by authors from South Asia or East Asia (e.g. Sankara, Confucius, Laozi, Nagarjuna, Nishitani). The course will look at how such philosophical texts have shaped critical and ethical reasoning in Asia, as well as how the more recent writings have conceed with Western philosophical approaches. Seminist critiques of Confucian political
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	C. Students will be required to read a significant portion of a substantial work of nonfiction: Keiji
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COURSE SYLLABUS

RS 311 Eastern Philosophy

3 credits
no prerequisites

i. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

An examination and critique of the philosophies which have shaped Eastern world views and ways of life as found in a representative sampling of Chinese, Japanese, and Indian thought.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Tounderstand the major philosophical traditions of India. China

Asia thoughout the past two and one half millenniums, and influenced the ways of life of the Indian, Chinese and Japanese Americans as

The Four Noble Truths
Nature of Reality and Self
Zen Buddhism
Is Buddhism Pessimistic?
Is Buddhism Atheistic?
Buddhism and the Modern World

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The Chinese Philosophies

The basic characteristics of Chinese philosophy
Confucianism
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Taoism
The Legalists
Buddhism and Neo-Confucianism
Recent Chinese thought

The Terromo Philosophias

Shinto Zen

IV. EVALUATION METHODS

There will be three examinations which will covermaterials assigned from the text books, supplemental readings as well as class lectures. Each exam will be counted equally.

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