

Resolution 2018-2019.B

Resolution to Approve New Major, Humanities for Public Service, in Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

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Waived by Faculty Senate: February 28, 2019

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Graduate Student Assembly:

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Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to Declare Major: Fall 2019

First Effective Date to Graduate: Winter 2021

WHEREAS, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Religion and Culture have international reputations, active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the field of humanities for public service; and

WHEREAS, Humanities for Public Service has been an Option under the Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major in Religion and Culture, and the new major incorporates required courses of the Humanities for Public Service option, while maintaining a robust curriculum within the Religion and Culture degree; and

WHEREAS, the change from an Option to a Major enables the Department of Religion and Culture to more clearly reflect one of its principal areas of study and better align the program with similar programs at other institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Major in Humanities for Public Service will provide better visibility for the program and will provide support to the enrollment management of incoming freshmen and transfer students into the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Major in Humanities for Public Service prepares students for a wide range of careers or advanced degree studies, the new Major can be readily promoted to potential employers and graduate schools and make it easier for students to market themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Major in Humanities for Public Service will provide for more curricular flexibility and specialization within the Department of Religion and Culture, as well as participation in cross-disciplinary curricular initiatives across the university;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Major in Humanities for Public Service be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture effective Fall 2019 and the proposal forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.