

Request for Undergraduate Addition, Deletion, or Change of an Area of Emphasis

1. Prepare one paper copy and obtain signatures from the Department Chair/Head, Librarian, and College Dean. 2. Submit the form to your College Curriculum Committee. 3. After attaining the signature of the College Curriculum Chair, send the paper copy to Bernice Bullock in the Faculty Senate office. 4. Send an identical (sans signatures) ELECTRONIC COPY and all supporting documentation in PDF format by email to bullock@marshall.edu.

College: Outreach & Continuing St. Department/Division: Regents Bachelor of Arts

Contact Person: Elaine Baker, interim director, RBA program Phone: 696-6400

ACTION REQUESTED:

Check action requested: Addition Deletion Change

Name of Area of Emphasis: Religion Studies *Religion Studies*

Within which Major is/will this Area of Emphasis be listed (please provide code as well): Regents BA (RRBO)

RATIONALE:

The state of West Virginia RBA guidelines prohibit RBA students from earning a major. However, RBA students may earn an Area of Emphasis in the RBA, which the State defines as a minimum of 15 hours of 300-400 level courses. This allows students to develop an area of interest in a discipline that is beyond a minor but less than a major. This option is not required for the RBA, but having AOE's makes the degree more attractive for students with certain interests or career goals.

CURRICULUM: (If addition or change, number of hours and courses; indicate if required or optional) May be submitted as separate document.

Any 18 hours of RST courses at the 300-400 level. At least 6 hours must be taken *from* at Marshall University, and a grade of C *↑ minimum* must be earned in every course.

Note: Because these are existing courses in the Religious Studies Department, no additional library or staff resources will be required.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Attach a copy of written notification regarding this curriculum request to the following:

- Statement of Non-Duplication:** If this area of emphasis will be similar in title or content to an existing area of emphasis at the university, please send a memo to the affected department and include it with this packet, as well as, the response received from the affected department.
- If your department/division requires additional faculty, equipment, or specialized materials, attach an estimation of money and time required to secure these items.
- Send a copy of this completed form to the Marshall University Catalog Editor.

SIGNATURES: (If disapproved at any level, do not sign. Return to previous signer.)

Department Chair/Division Head: <u>Elaine Baker RBA</u> <i>Elaine Baker RBA</i> <u>9/11/08</u>	Date: <u>9/14/09</u>
Librarian: <u>Chris L. Li</u>	Date: <u>9/14/09</u>
College Dean: <u>Randy Parnley</u>	Date: <u>9/15/09</u>
College Curriculum Chair: <u>N/A</u>	Date: _____
University Curriculum Committee Chair: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/24/09</u>
Faculty Senate Chair: _____	Date: _____
VP Academic Affairs/VP Health Science _____	Date: _____