# THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 29: Change course descriptions for RELS 215 and 420

Change course title and description for RELS 387

**Effective Date: Fall 2012** 

1. Delete: On page 256, the description for RELS 215, Judaism and Christianity in the Ancient World:

A comparative examination of the development of Judaism and Christianity in the ancient world, with primary emphasis on the period between the establishment of Second Temple Judaism and the rise of Islam. See department chair.

**Add**: On page 256, in place of deleted entry:

A comparative examination of the development of Judaism and Christianity, especially during the period between the establishment of Second Temple Judaism (c. 450 B.C.E) and the Council of Chalcedon (451 C.E), as expressed in a variety of primary documents in translation, both canonical and non-canonical. Our examination of these documents will be informed by contemporary methods of literary and historical criticism. See department chair.

2. Delete: On page 257, the description for RELS 420, Religion and Southern Culture:

This course has two primary objectives: (1) to investigate the development of the principal religious groups in the South, and (2) to explore, using a number of conceptual perspectives and methodological approaches, the meaning and function of religion in its many manifestations – denominational, folk, domestic, civil – as a cultural phenomenon in Southern life. Spring.

**Add**: On page 257, in place of deleted entry:

Utilizing various conceptual perspectives and methodological approaches, this course explores the meaning and function of religion in its many manifestations – domestic, folk, civil – as a cultural phenomenon in Southern life. Prerequisite: RELS 200; pre- or corequisite: RELS 313. Odd years Spring.

3. Delete: On page 257, the title and course description for RELS 387:

### 387 Judaism (3)

A study of the historical and cultural development of Judaism from its biblical origins to its modern expressions. Among the contemporary issues to be examined are Zionism and the rise and history of the State of Israel, varieties of contemporary American Judaism, and religious and philosophical reflections on the Holocaust. See department chair.

**Add**: On page 257, in place of deleted entry:

### 387 Religion and Culture of Judaism (3)

A study of the historical and cultural development of Judaism from its biblical origins to its modern expressions. Among the contemporary issues to be examined are Zionism and the rise and history of the State of Israel, varieties of contemporary American Judaism, and religious and philosophical reflections on the Holocaust. Odd years spring.

#### Impact statement:

These are primarily cosmetic changes to course descriptions and titles that will have no impact on staffing or resources. Students will benefit from better accuracy in course descriptions and frequency. The addition of a pre- and co-requisite to RELS 420 may have a small impact on course enrollment, but of the twenty-one students enrolled in this course during the spring 2011 semester, only six would not have met the proposed pre-/co-requisite requirements (and three of these withdrew from the course in the first few weeks).

## Rationale:

These changes are meant to offer greater accuracy in the catalog description for these courses, and in the case of RELS 420, to guarantee that enrolled students are better prepared for course content.