



**Impact statement:**

Changing both these courses from 3 to 4 credit hours will necessitate an additional credit hour of faculty load when they are offered, which will be absorbed into the current 12 hour load; no additional faculty or resources will be required. Since RELS 313 is a required course for majors, the additional credit hour will be balanced to some degree by dropping 3 credit hours from the current requirement of 9 credit hours in RELS electives.

**Rationale:**

Since these are (and should remain) WI courses, we want to expand the amount of classroom time spent on practical writing instruction without a consequent loss of time spent on course content. Both courses will add writing *practica* to class time, in addition to maintaining outside of class writing assignments. Otherwise, the changes in the title and description of RELS 330 are designed to better reflect the more expansive focus of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program for which this course is a related elective.