## THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

# FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 32:

Change course description for RELS 490

### Effective Date: Fall 2012

1. Delete: On page 257, the entry for RELS 490:

### 490 Senior Research Seminar (3)

Student research under the supervision of approved faculty resulting in the successful completion and defense of a thesis or comparable research project. This course fulfills the requirements for the major, oral and computer competencies. An IP grade may be awarded at the discretion of the instructor. Fall.

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

#### 490 Senior Research Seminar (3)

Student research under the supervision of approved faculty resulting in the successful completion and oral presentation of a written thesis or comparable research project. This course fulfills the requirements for the oral and computer competencies. An IP grade may be awarded at the discretion of the instructor. Prerequisite: RELS 398. Fall.

#### Impact statement:

This is a required course for Religious Studies majors that will now be coupled with RELS 398 to produce a more complete and less hectic capstone experience. There will be no impact on staffing or resources.

## Rationale:

The change in the course description has been expanded to indicate the expectation of an oral presentation (currently required but not stated) of student research projects, and the addition of RELS 398 as a prerequisite.