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Resolution to approve the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Culture

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies:
First Reading: November 28, 2011
Second Reading:

Approved by University Council:
Approved by the President:

Effective: Fall 2012

WHEREAS, the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies was restructured to become the Department of Religion and Culture in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the bachelor of arts in Religion and Culture will prepare students to analyze and respond to several of the twenty-first century’s most important global phenomena, including the impact of religion and religious practices on politics, economics, the arts, and everyday life, as well as, the impact of cultural shifts in moral and ethical practices, the arts, the dissemination of information and entertainment, and the influence of traditional values and attitudes within our emerging postmodern environment; and

WHEREAS, the bachelor of arts in Religion and Culture will prepare graduates for employment in careers in education, law, judicial systems, public policy, social service, and public service in the U.S. Department of State, Homeland Security, and other branches of state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, the degree is unique within the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of very few similar programs within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture supports the commitment of the Department of Religion and Culture, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and the University to diversity and internationalization in the undergraduate curriculum at Virginia Tech,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture be approved effective Fall 2012 and the proposal forwarded to the President, the Board of Visitors, and the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) for approval, and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for notification.