INFORMATION CONCERNING COURSE PETITION FORM

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION
SMITH COLLEGE

1. Carefully read all the information regarding the Religion major and minor in the current Smith College catalog.

2. Your adviser, on his or her recognizance, may allow two courses outside of the Religion Department taken at Smith to count as electives and/or Depth courses.

3. If you want credit for courses taken outside of the Religion Department beyond the two courses described above, you must submit an online course petition form for approval by your adviser and by the Religion Department chair on behalf of the Curriculum Committee. This is the case for courses taken at Smith, one of the other Five Colleges, or any other institution.

4. If you take a course at Smith or one of the Five Colleges that requires a course petition for approval, you may submit the course petition in advance of taking the course. Having already taken a course, whether at Smith or elsewhere, does not guarantee departmental approval.

5. Any course taken at a school outside of the Five Colleges requires a course petition for approval, and the course petition must be submitted after the class has been taken. Your course petition should include materials that allow the course and your performance to be assessed, such as the syllabus, exams, and papers.

6. Course petitions should be completed and submitted using the online course petition form.

7. If a course is not a Religion course, but is cross-listed in the Religion Department's catalog listings, then it is considered in the Department and no petition is required.

8. The Religion Department normally expects that the four distribution courses and the one required seminar for the major will be taken at Smith.

9. For transfer students and junior year abroad students, the Religion Department does not normally permit more than one approved course taken at a non-Five College institution to count for the distribution requirements.

10. No course taken as satisfactory-unsatisfactory will count for the Religion major or minor.