

gaining admission to the listed courses. The four elective psychology courses must include: PSYC 362 and 474; and two courses from PSYC 231, 363, 379, and 382. Students must also take at least 12 credits of PSYC 491.

## **Honors Program**

The Department of Psychology honors program is designed to provide special enrichment, attention, and recognition for exceptional psychology majors. Admission to the program requires completion of nine hours of psychology, a psychology GPA of 3.5, and an overall GPA of 3.4. Graduation with departmental honors in psychology requires the same GPAs and completion of an honors thesis (three to six hours of PSYC 498). Information about the program is available in the department's student records office or from the director of undergraduate training.

## **Regents Bachelor of Arts**

Carol Hando, Coordinator

Especially designed for the adult, the regents bachelor of arts degree offers the possibility of earning college-equivalent credit based on the assessment of life and/or work experiences. An initial assessment fee is charged, with an additional posting fee for credits posted to the transcript.

## **Degree Requirements**

Total credits are 128, including 40 upper-division credits, and 36 credits in general education (at least six hours each in communication skills, humanities, social sciences, and natural or physical sciences, and three hours in mathematical science). This program has no major. Students may earn areas of emphasis.

## **Admission**

Admission is open only to students who graduated from high school four or more years ago. For those passing a high school equivalency test, admission must be four years after their class graduated from high school. Students who possess a baccalaureate degree are ineligible, nor can the RBA degree be awarded as second bachelor's degree.

**Fees** Tuition and fees are the same as for those in other undergraduate programs. For those seeking college equivalent credit there is an initial \$300 assessment fee and an additional \$10 per credit hour fee for credits posted to the transcript.

Additional information is available from the Coordinator, Regents B.A. Program, 221 Armstrong Hall, P.O. Box 6289, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506-6289. Phone: (304) 293-5441. E-mail: regents\_ba@mail.wvu.edu. Online at <http://rba.as.wvu.edu>.

## **Religious Studies**

Aaron Gale, Coordinator

### **Degree Offered**

*Bachelor of Arts*

*Major: Interdepartmental Studies*

### **Nature of Program**

The program for religious studies in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences meets the needs of West Virginia University students by offering instruction in the history and practices of many world religions including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Near Eastern traditions. In addition, the program offers opportunities for the exploration of many other interesting areas of study including Hebrew and Christian scriptures, ethics, and other interesting topics. The program for religious studies also seeks to address issues of interest within the WVU community by providing activities such as guest lectures and panel forums for students and the public.

In the program for religious studies, students have the unique opportunity to study religious issues from a scholarly perspective. Hence, religion courses at WVU are intended to stimulate interest in the academic discipline of religious studies, which involves studying traditions objectively, without an agenda. Many religious studies courses may be taken for University GEC credit.

## **Admission Requirements**

Admission to the interdepartmental degree program in religious studies requires a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0. Students must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA as well as a 2.0 GPA in religious studies courses.

## **Degree Requirements**

If admitted to the interdepartmental degree program in religious studies, the student will be required to satisfactorily complete 42 hours of coursework. Of these 42 hours, 24 are in religious studies, six in Biblical studies, six in the history of religions, six in contemporary religious thought, three in mythology and religion, and RELG 494. (Students who wish to use RELG 494 to fulfill this requirement must complete 12 hours of religious studies courses before registering for RELG 494). The other 18 hours fulfill requirements outside the Program for Religious Studies. The following three-hour courses are required: SOCA 336, HIST 201 and 203, and PHIL 308. Six hours of American and/or English literature are also required. Students must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA in the required coursework in order to retain status as an interdepartmental major in religious studies.

## **Purposes and Options of the Degree**

The interdepartmental degree in religious studies offers a general liberal arts education for students entering such professions as law, medicine, and business, if electives are carefully chosen. This major is useful to anyone seeking a professional career in religion, such as the ministry, academic study of theology, Biblical studies, religious journalism, or teaching.

## **Minor in Religious Studies**

Any student may undertake a minor in religious studies. Fifteen hours of course-work offered by the program for religious studies must be complete at least nine hours must be upper-level (300-level or above). A GPA of at least 2.0 is required in order to fulfill the requirements of this minor.

Specifically, the course requirements for the minor in religious studies are as follows: one course in each of the four groups below including RELG 494, which is a seminar on a selected topic in religious studies; and one additional course in religious studies, subject to the requirement that at least nine hours be completed at the upper level.

**Group 1:** Studies in the history of religion: RELG, 102, 219, 222, 230, 231, 232

**Group 2:** Studies in sacred texts: RELG 303, 304

**Group 3:** Studies in religious thought: RELG 350\*

**Group 4:** Seminar course: RELG 494

## **Social Studies**

### **Degree Offered**

*Bachelor of Arts*

*Major: Interdepartmental Studies*

### **Nature of Program**

The bachelor of arts in interdepartmental studies with an emphasis in social studies is designed specifically for students who intend to be certified to teach social studies in grades five–12 and to complete a master's degree in education in the College of Human Resources and Education following fulfillment of degree requirements for the bachelor of arts in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. The bachelor of arts and master of arts in education degrees will be granted simultaneously upon completion of both degree programs.