SUGGESTED COURSE PLAN FOR THOSE PURSUING A MAJOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The major in Religious Studies comprises 40 hours (10 courses) distributed as follows:

- **4 Traditions courses** (4 from among these 5 options are required)
  - Hinduism
  - Buddhism
  - Judaism
  - Christianity
  - Islam
- **2 Theory courses** (several options are offered each year)
- **1 Service Learning course** (options are offered each year)
- **1 Writing-Intensive course** (options are offered each year)
- **2 Elective courses** (there are many options offered each year, including an independent study course if appropriate)

We recommend the following plan of study, which should be pursued in consultation with the Department’s undergraduate advisor:

**YEAR 1 (12 credit hours)**

2 Traditions courses (see above)

/AND/

1 Theory course

**YEAR 2 (12 credit hours)**

2 Traditions courses (see above)

/AND/

1 Theory course /OR/

1 Elective course

**YEAR 3 (8 credit hours)**

1 Service Learning course /OR/

1 Writing-intensive course

/AND/
1 Theory course /OR/
1 Elective course

NOTES:
1. If you plan to study abroad for part or all of your junior year, you should consult with the Department’s undergraduate advisor to plan for any transfer credit that might fulfill requirements in the major.

2. If you have maintained a 3.75 GPA in the major and have achieved an overall DU GPA of 3.5 by the end of the Winter Quarter of your Junior year AND you wish to pursue Distinction in the Major, which requires the completion of a final project, you should consult with the undergraduate advisor, identify a faculty mentor, and submit a curriculum plan during the Spring term of this year.

3. If you plan to pursue Distinction in the Major, we would strongly recommend that you fulfill the Writing-intensive course requirement during your junior year.

YEAR 4 (8 credit hours)

1 Writing-intensive course /OR/
1 Service Learning course

/AND/

1 Theory course /OR/
1 Elective course

NOTE:
1. Toward the end of the Spring Quarter of the senior year (usually the 3rd week in May) every major in Religious Studies participates in a formal exit interview with all members of the faculty