

**CAL POLY HUMBOLDT**  
**University Senate**

**Resolution to Recommend History, B.A. - History of Religions - New Concentration Proposal**

12-24/25-ICC – January 28, 2025 – Curriculum Reading

**RESOLVED:** That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt recommends to the Provost that the History, B.A. - History of Religions (PROGRAM: 2025-26 New Concentration Form (Chancellor's Office)) detailed in proposal [24-2525](#) be approved.

**RATIONALE:** The History of Religions concentration will provide students with a firm historical foundation in how individuals, communities, and societies have developed beliefs and behaviors, meaning and purpose, throughout time and around the world. Students will demonstrate religious literacy, recognizing and understanding diverse cultural expressions as they appear in contexts of religious traditions, sacred texts, international and domestic politics, the arts, and their own interpersonal relationships.

With differing world cultures coming into contact ever more frequently in every field of endeavor, the study of religions and worldviews proves highly relevant. It allows students to discover, examine and gain insight into and sensitivity toward the socio-politico-religious similarities and differences in world cultures. This program provides excellent preparation for a wide range of career paths, including education, healthcare, and law.

Religious Studies is becoming a unique concentration under the History Department as a response to enrollment pressures, Chancellor's Office pressure on low-degree-conferring majors, and college-level reorganization.

- As part of both the History and Religious Studies Departments most recent program reviews, students expressed a desire for a larger variety of courses: this combination will provide that, for history majors within any of the three concentrations.
  - General History Concentration
  - History Education Concentration
  - History of Religions Concentration

**Related Courses and Proposals:**

- [23-2312 - History, B.A. \(Core\) - Change Requirements](#)
- [23-2293 - History, General History Concentration, B.A. - Change Concentration/Emphasis Requirements](#)
- [History, Education Concentration, B.A. - Change Core Requirements - 24-2588](#)