

**FAQ: What Courses Double-Count
Toward Both a Religious Studies Major or Minor,
as well as Other UT Requirements?**

Q: Do lower level Humanities B distribution courses (e.g., RS 225, 280, 311, 321) double-count for both the Humanities B requirement and the new RS major/minor?

A: Yes, with these exceptions: (1) 100-level classes do not count for UT majors and (2) if you want to count 200-level classes (e.g., 225, 280) you must use the catalog rules that go into effect in Fall 2010.

Q: What about lower level Social Science distribution courses (232, 233, 301)? Do they also double-count for both the social science requirement and the RS major/minor?

A: Yes, with the same exception. You must use the new rules to count 232 or 233 toward a major.

Q. Do upper level US Studies courses (including 351, 352, 353, 355) and Foreign Studies courses (including many 300-level RS courses) double-count for the upper level distributions and the major?

A. UT does not allow double-counting classes toward both the upper level distributions and a *primary* major. However, you may double-count them toward a *secondary* major. Likewise you may double-count them toward a minor.

Q: So, are you saying that if I take RS classes for both of my upper division requirements (in both US and Foreign Studies) and also take just one other RS class for any lower division requirement in Humanities or Social Science, I'm three-fifths of the way to a minor?

A. Yes. And there is no reason you have to stop at one RS class at the lower level. You could take four different RS courses to fulfill four different requirements at that level alone, plus two more at the upper level. That's eighteen credit hours, and you could already have a minor at fifteen.

Q. What if I take an RS class that is cross-listed in a department like History (e.g. 321, 351) or Anthropology (302)? Can they count toward both a major both in RS and the other department?

A. Yes, up to 12 of the 30 hours required for the new RS major can double-count in this way.

Q. What if I want to count a cross-listed course like 321 toward a minor in RS, while also counting it toward a major in the other department? Is there also a limit to how many of these I can double-count?

A. No, there is no limit on this front. Many students could easily do an RS minor consisting *entirely* of courses that also count for UT distribution requirements and/or requirements for another major.

Q. What if I have special interests in a subfield of religious studies, for which classes outside the department are a logical path to pursue? For example, what if I want to study Chinese history as part of my interests in Chinese religion, or do advanced language work in Greek as part of my interest in early Christianity? Could this count toward an RS major?

A. Yes, the religious studies faculty explicitly *encourages* you to propose classes like this. Assuming that it is a logical match for your interests, you not only can but *should* count a three-hour course of this kind toward your RS major. This is done by a petition that is filed as part of the advising process.