

DOUBLE COUNTING POLICY

- All students must take 45 sem. hrs. of core requirements as outlined on page 29-30 of the 2003-2004 *Academic Calendar*, with reductions for students *entering* TWU with a *minimum* of 57 sem. hrs. of transfer credit (page 30-31 of the *Calendar*).
- *One (and only one)* 3 sem. hr. course may be *double counted* towards two different core requirements *if (and only if)* that course is cross-listed in both disciplines.
- **Examples:** (1) A student may count FINE 370 / PHIL 370 for *both* the fine arts *and* the philosophy requirement; (2) A student may count NATS 487 & 490 / RELS 487 & 490 towards *two* (but not three) of the non-laboratory science core course, the “Christianity and Culture or Inter-Cultural Religious Studies” religious studies requirement, or the upper level interdisciplinary course requirement (since NATS 487 & 490 form a 3-sem. hr. equivalent for IDIS 400).
- What helps students, particularly in programs with many requirements, is that *a student may count a cross-listed course towards a major, concentration or minor in one discipline while also applying it towards a core requirement in another discipline.* For example, students may use PSYC 440 (cross-listed as RELS 370) as a course for their psychology major while at the same time applying it to the “Christianity and Culture or Inter-Cultural Religious Studies” course in the religious studies core.
- PHIL 210 and 310 may be counted toward *either* the philosophy core requirement *or* the “Christianity and Culture or Inter-Cultural Religious Studies” course in the religious studies core, *but not both.* Here double counting is not allowed since the courses are not cross-listed as religious studies ones, and the philosophy department wants students to take another philosophy course if they use either PHIL 210 or 310 to fulfill the religious studies requirement.
- What students (and advisors!) need to recognize is that while courses can be counted twice to fulfill the core, *they do not count twice for the total number of credits required for a degree, for upper level requirements, or for a major, concentration, or minor.* For example, even when students use HIST 361 / RELS 361 towards both the history and religious studies core requirement, the course still counts for only 3 sem. hrs. in their degree program and for the 42 sem. hr. upper level requirement within the degree. Moreover, *students can use the course for only one major, minor, or concentration.* If they enroll in HIST 361, for instance, it will count **ONLY** towards a history specialization; if taken as RELS 361, it counts **ONLY** towards a religious studies specialization. In short, double counting helps *only* to fulfill the core, but does *not* reduce the number of courses students need to take overall.

If you understand all this and can explain it at our next information meeting, you qualify for an honorary law degree!

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