

## **Paterno Liberal Arts Undergraduate Fellows in History and Religious Studies**

### **Criteria for Entry:**

- Aspirant fellows in History/Religious Studies are expected to complete three honors classes (not necessarily History or Religious Studies courses) in their first year within the College of the Liberal Arts with scores of B+ or above, while maintaining an overall GPA of 3.4. At the end of the first year, these aspirants may gain entry into the Paterno Fellows Program in History/Religious Studies.
- Those who seek admission into the History/Religious Studies Fellows Program at the end of their second year should have completed six honors classes, two of which have to be History/Religious Studies courses, with scores of B+ or above, while maintaining an overall GPA of 3.4.

### **Requirements for Paterno Fellows in History/Religious Studies Program:**

- Students who are Fellows in the Department, apart from fulfilling the History/Religious Studies Major requirements, will complete the course-series of 300C and 300D, in which Fellows pursue their capstone project. 300C is a methodological, theoretical and historiographical course that rigorously prepares Fellows to research, write and complete their capstone project, which is generally expected to be an intellectually substantive thesis. 300D is the course in which a Fellow is enrolled while completing the thesis, under the supervision of a thesis advisor. Fellows, with the Department's approval, may choose to embark on an alternative capstone project, such as archival work, museum management, and other forms of internship, all of which must, however, encompass substantial academic components that require analysis and writing, apart from the practical, hands-on endeavors that are required of their particular ventures. Fellows who choose this option must also work under the supervision of a faculty member.
- Fellows are placed under the supervision of the Honors Adviser of the History Department/Religious Studies Program.
- Fellows in the History Department/Religious Studies Program are expected to participate in a study abroad experience that is relevant to their intellectual and research interests.
- Fellows in the History Department/Religious Studies Program are expected to acquire language skills that are relevant to their intellectual and research interests.
- Fellows in the History Department/Religious Studies Program are expected to maintain an overall GPA of 3.4. They are also expected to maintain grades averaging no lower than 3.5 in all their history courses.
- Fellows in the History Department/ Religious Studies Program are expected to fulfill all the specific responsibilities as specified by the Paterno Fellows Program of the College of the Liberal Arts.