

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION – UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS – FALL 2015

Course Number	Title	Description	Day(s)	Campus	Cross-Listing	Comments
01:840:101:01	Intro. To Religion: Social Patterns (3)	Varied origins of religion and motifs in the development in different cultures. (Only open to first-year students and sophomores.)	MW5	DC		
01:840:112:01	Death and Afterlife (Hybrid) (3)	Various religious concepts of death, resurrection, reincarnation, and other forms of afterlife; their relevance to this-worldly life.	TF1	DC		In-class meetings will be on Tuesdays
01:840:112:02	Death and Afterlife (3)		MW4	LC		
01:840:112:03	Death and Afterlife (3)		MW5	LC		
01:840:201:01	Intro. To Bible: Torah and Prose (3)	This is the first course of a two-semester sequence. The main goal is to introduce students to the literature of the Bible, focusing on the Torah and the historical material in Joshua through Samuel. Emphasis is placed on literary, historical, and theological matters. Special use is made of archaeological discoveries. The Bible is studied against the backdrop of ancient Near Eastern literature, history, religion, mythology, and law.	TTh4	CAC	01:563:220:01	
01:840:202:01	New Testament (3)	Interpretation of basic Christian scriptures in translation; influence of Jesus and Paul on the early Christian community.	MTh2	LC	01:563:223:01	
01:840:202:02	New Testament (3)		TTh4	DC	01:563:223:02	
01:840:211:01	Religions of the Eastern World (3)	Religious beliefs, practices, and sacred writings of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto.	TTh5	CAC		
01:840:211:02	Religions of the Eastern World (3)		TTh6	CAC		
01:840:212:01	Religions of the Western World (Hybrid) (3)	Religious beliefs, practices and sacred writings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.	TF2	DC		In-class meetings will be on Tuesdays.
01:840:212:02	Religions of the Western World (3)		MW5	DC		
01:840:212:03	Religions of the Western World (3)		MW6	DC		
01:840:212:H1	Religions of the Western World (3)		MW5	DC		SAS Honors Course
01:840:226:01	Islam (Hybrid) (3)	Muhammad and the development of Muslim beliefs and practices; major movements and their	MW6	CAC	01:685:226:01	In-class meetings will be on Wednesdays.

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01:840:227:01	Islam in the Modern World (3)	effects on historical and current events Survey of Islam from the colonialist period to the present. Examines the ways in which Islamic beliefs, values, and worldviews inform historical, social, and political movements globally. Includes recent phenomena such as the Arab Spring, the role of technology, and contemporary Muslim pop culture.	TTh6	CAC	01:685:209:01	
01:840:302:01	The Bible and Archeology (3)	Analysis of material evidence, such as archeological remains of monuments and inscriptions, from ancient Israel and Judah, as well as the broader ancient Near East, in order to develop a fuller reconstruction of biblical society and cult.	MTh2	CAC	01:563:394:01	
01:840:305:01	Apocalypse Now? Religious Movements and the End of Time (3)	The course compares ancient, Medieval, and contemporary apocalyptic movements. Case studies will include the Jewish apocalyptic movement associated with the Dead Sea Scrolls and Pauline Christianity, Medieval apocalypticism surrounding Joachim of Fiore and the Crusades, and more contemporary movements such as Jonestown and the Left Behind series of Christian thrillers.	TTh6	CAC		
01:840:307:90	Jesus (Online) (3)	This course is a study of the many varied constructions of Jesus of Nazareth. The class will examine how Jesus' earliest followers made sense of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in ways that resulted in a diverse array of gospels and other ancient texts. We will also examine depictions of Jesus in other media (literature, art, film, etc.) and the complex ways they do and do not engage with these early sources.				Online Course: chat sessions Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
01:840:319:01	Religion in American History (3)	Survey of American religious history, exploring the relationship between religion and trends in such areas as politics, science, technology, gender relations, economy, and immigration.	TTh4	CAC		
01:840:393:01	Christians "the Other" and Violence (3)	History and analysis of Christians as victims and perpetrators of violence, from early Christianity to the early modern period. Includes the study of martyrdom, imperial and medieval Christianity, crusades, and the European Wars of Religion.	W1/2	DC	16:840:515:01	

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01:840:368:01	Hindu Philosophy (3)	Upanishads, Patanjali, Bhagavad-Gita; theories of matter, energy, states of consciousness; meditation. Yogas of knowledge, action, devotion. Karma. Ethics. Comparison of Hindu and Western cosmology.	TTh5	DC	01:730:368:01	
01:840:372:01	Islamic Mystical Literature (3)	Examines literary output of mystics in the Islamic world. Focus on mystical teachings; attention also paid to poetry, biography and the modern novel, all in English translation.	MW4	LC		
01:840:380:01	Religious Healing in the U.S. (3)	This course will explore the history of religious healing in the United States, focusing especially on the following questions: How have major social, cultural, economic, and political trends in the United States impacted the way in which religious Americans defined illness and its cure? How have individuals from various religious traditions responded to the ascendancy of the medical establishment and the growing prestige of medical science? How does the practice of modern medicine compare to explicitly religious healing rituals? How have different healing traditions interacted within an American context?	MW4	DC		
01:840:423:01	Seminar in Buddhism (3)	Basic knowledge of Buddhism and looks into the psychological aspect of Buddhism. There are two primary objectives: to be familiar with the psychological implications of central Buddhist teachings—dependent origination, not-self/no-self, and emptiness—as they are discussed within key Indian Buddhist texts and to examine critically modern scholars' attempt to interpret and/or appropriate them via modern psychology, especially psychoanalysis.	Th1/2	DC	16:840:569:01	Open to Religion majors, Juniors/Seniors