RELIGION (REL)

REL 1300. World Religions.
This course will be a survey and comparative study of the major religions of the world including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and the Indigenous Religions. Recommended as an entry course for religion minors.
about World Religions
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 2310. Introduction to the Hebrew Bible.
An introduction to the contemporary academic study of the Hebrew Bible (“Old Testament”) and related Near Eastern and Second Temple Jewish literature. Representative texts will be examined using the historical and literary methods of scholarship.
about Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

An introduction to the contemporary academic study of the New Testament, including apocryphal and post-canonical works. Representative texts will be examined using the historical and literary methods of scholarship.
about Introduction to the New Testament
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 2321. Founders, Prophets and Saints.
Critical analysis of the life, works, and thought of a major religious figure, e.g., Jesus, Paul, Luther, St. Teresa, Maimonides, the Baal Shem Tov, Mohammad, al-Ghazzali, Rumi, Buddha, Gandhi. May be repeated for credit.
about Founders, Prophets and Saints
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 2360. Asian Religious Traditions.
This course is a survey of the major religious traditions originating in Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and others. Basic doctrines and practices will be covered in an historical framework.
about Asian Religious Traditions
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

The course features a thematic selection of literary and artistic works in order to examine the connections and disconnections between the aesthetic and religious aspects of human culture. May be taken twice for credit with different topics.
about Religion, Literature, and the Arts
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 3342. The Homeric Epic: The Iliad and the Odyssey.
A close reading of the Iliad and the Odyssey in English translation, with emphasis on philosophical and religious issues. Prominent topics include the gods, religious rituals, heroic ethics, and the human condition. The course also considers the concept of a classic in religion and literature.
about The Homeric Epic: The Iliad and the Odyssey
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 3364. Abrahamic Religious Traditions.
A comparative study of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Basic doctrines and practices will be covered in an historical framework. Attention will be given to both majority and minority variants of each tradition.
about Abrahamic Religious Traditions
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 3366. Topics in Comparative Religion.
The course is a comparative examination of religions. Topics might include mysticism, scriptures, heroic figures or saints, and engagement with philosophical traditions.
about Topics in Comparative Religion
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 3370. Mythology and Cosmology.
This course examines human efforts to address questions of cosmic origins, with a global, comparative survey of cosmogonic (creation) myths and a historical approach to modern cosmology. It examines the features and functions of mythopoetic and scientific thought, and reflects philosophically on questions of origin and meaning. May be taken twice for credit with different topics.
about Mythology and Cosmology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
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REL 3372. Apocalypticism.
An historical-cultural survey of end-of-the-world literature, art, and thought in Western Civilization, from ancient Judaism and Christianity to the present. Historical and scientific methods provide the framework for this course. (WI).

Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

REL 3381. The Philosophical and Spiritual Heritage of India.
Indian philosophers predominantly present a spiritual, multi-dimensional outlook on the nature of reality and human consciousness; they combine reason, experience, yoga and meditation as methods of inquiry. This course will explore Indian spiritual philosophy from the time of the ancient Vedas to the contribution of modern sages. (WI).

Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

This course provides a rigorous grounding in the intellectual tradition of academic religious studies. It includes the major theorists and a sustained examination of the problem of method. This course is strongly urged for RS minors and students intending graduate work in the field. Prerequisite: At least one course from those included in the minor; two recommended.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

REL 4388. Problems in Religion.
Independent study of specific topics in religion. Open to students on an individual or small group basis. May be repeated for credit with different emphasis.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.