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**REL 1220 World Religions**
- A study of the major religions of the world, with an emphasis on their histories, beliefs and practices.
**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**REL 2000 Introduction To Religion**
- Critical and thematic study of the concepts, values, practices and world-views intrinsic to the religious life.
**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**REL 2330 New Testament History And Ideas**
- Examination of the history and ideas of the New Testament.
**Term Offered:** Spring

**REL 2350 Bible And Church Authority**
- This course will explore issues related to the sources and exercise of religious authority within Christianity, with an extended consideration given to a particular Christian tradition determined by the instructor.

**REL 2380 Topics In Catholic Thought**
- Critical examination of selected topics in contemporary Catholic thought and life.
**Term Offered:** Spring, Fall

**REL 2410 Introduction To Christian Thought**
- This course will introduce students to the fundamental creedal commitments of Christianity, with an extended consideration given to a particular Christian tradition determined by the instructor.
**Term Offered:** Fall
REL 3510 Comparative Religion: Living Non-Western Religions
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
Study of the major attitudes toward life, human existence and the world embodied in such major religions of the world as Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam and Taoism. Non-U.S. Diversity

REL 3570 Philosophy Of Religion
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
A critical, philosophical exploration of questions about the nature of religion, including the existence and nature of God, the problem of evil, and the relation between faith and knowledge. Other topics may include the relation of religion to science and morality, as well as the role of religious experience and miracles in religious belief.
Term Offered: Spring, Fall

REL 3580 Contemporary Issues In Islam
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
An examination of key contemporary issues facing Islamic thought and culture, such as the changing and contested understandings of religious authority, jihad, role of women, courting, and family norms and the effects on all these of globalization and social media. Course may be repeated for credit as topics vary. Non-Western multicultural course.
Term Offered: Spring, Fall

REL 3600 Comparative Religion: Living Non-Western Religions
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
Cross listings with 3000-level courses offered in the humanities departments. Specific topics vary, and course may be repeated for credit as topics vary. Check course schedules for specific subject and prerequisites.

REL 3610 Religious Studies Topics In The Humanities
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
Cross listings with 3000-level courses offered in the humanities departments. Specific topics vary, and course may be repeated for credit as topics vary. Check course schedules for specific subject and prerequisites.

REL 3610 Religious Studies Topics In The Humanities
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
This course will explore the history of both Christian ritual practice and the diverse theological understandings of that practice, with a focus on a particular Christian tradition determined by the instructor.

REL 3670 Christian Worship And Ritual
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
This course will explore the history of both Christian ritual practice and the diverse theological understandings of that practice, with a focus on a particular Christian tradition determined by the instructor.

REL 3710 Literature Of The Old Testament
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
A study of the Old Testament from the literary point of view, including ancient poetry, history, romance, short story, hymn, prophecy and wisdom writing. Recommended: ENGL 2700 or 2800.
Term Offered: Spring, Summer

REL 3720 Literature And Mythology
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
Study of classical and biblical mythologies in modern Western literature, private mythologies and literary adaptations of patterns from legend and folklore. Recommended: ENGL 2700 or 2800.
Term Offered: Fall

REL 3900 Seminar-Contemporary Religious Thought
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
A critical examination of selected topics in the area of religion.
Term Offered: Spring, Fall

REL 3980 Special Topics In Religious Studies
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
Special topics courses. Course may be repeated for credit as topics vary.
Term Offered: Spring, Fall

REL 4520 History Of The Middle East From 600 - 1500
[3 credit hours (3, 0, 0)]
A survey of Middle East history from the emergence of Islam and the formation of Islamic states until the establishment of the Ottoman and Persian empires in the 15th-16th centuries.

REL 4600 Religious Studies Topics In The Arts
[3 credit hours (0, 0, 3)]
Cross listings with 4000-level courses offered in the visual and performing arts departments. Specific topics vary, and course may be repeated for credit as topics vary. Check course schedules for specific subject and prerequisites.
Term Offered: Fall

REL 4610 Religious Studies Topics In The Humanities
[3 credit hours (0, 0, 3)]
Cross listings with 4000-level courses offered in the humanities departments. Specific topics vary, and course may be repeated for credit as topics vary. Check course schedules for specific subject and prerequisites.
Term Offered: Spring, Fall

REL 4630 Religion, Violence and Peace
[3 credit hours (0, 0, 3)]
This seminar is a sustained exploration of whether religion is related to the occurrence of violence, peace or community-building, and if so, when and how.

REL 4820 Anthropology Of Religion
[3 credit hours (0, 0, 3)]
Cross-cultural comparison of religious concepts, roles, and practices. The analysis of religious symbolism as well as their sociopolitical and economic basis.
Prerequisites: ANTH 2800 with a minimum grade of D-

REL 4900 Seminar In Religious Studies
[3 credit hours (0, 0, 3)]
Topics vary. Course may be repeated for credit as topics vary. See adviser for Seminar Request Form.
Term Offered: Spring

REL 4920 Directed Readings In Religious Studies
[1-4 credit hours (0, 0, 0-4)]
Critical inquiry of selected works under the guidance of an instructor on a topic not offered as a regular course.
Term Offered: Fall

REL 4940 Internship In Religious Studies
[1-6 credit hours (0, 0, 1-6)]
Student is placed in a campus or community setting approved by the instructor of record to work on issues pertaining to religion, and analyzes verbally and in writing how religion functioned in this setting.
Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

REL 4960 Senior Thesis for Honors
[3 credit hours (0, 0, 3)]
Prerequisite: Junior standing and consent of program director
Term Offered: Spring, Summer, Fall

REL 4980 Special Topics In Religious Studies
[3 credit hours (0, 0, 3)]
Topics vary. Course may be repeated for credit as topics vary.
Term Offered: Spring, Fall
REL 4990 Independent Study in Religious Studies
[1-4 credit hours (0, 0, 0-4)]
Directed study in religious studies under the supervision of a religious studies instructor.
Term Offered: Spring, Fall