

SUMMER 2011 RELIGION COURSES

REL1001 **Cinematic Courage** **Staff**

This course focuses on the virtue of courage, making use of films, historical and literary accounts, and religious and philosophical analyses of the concept. We ask questions like “What is the nature of courage?”, “How is it expressed?”, and “How is courage related to other virtues—for example, to justice, or to hope?”

Sec. 1 (Ref# 04193)	T R	11:00am-2:15pm	DHA 0103	Session C
Sec. 2 (Ref# 04254)	M W F	12:00pm-2:10pm	DIF 0204	Session B

REL1300 **Introduction to World Religions** **Dr. Goff**

This course is an introduction to the academic study of the major religions of the world. The course will cover the religious traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In the process of comparing the religions of the world, it will be the responsibility of each student to think critically about the historical evolution, systems of belief, ritual practices, institutional developments and cultural expressions of each religious tradition. A range of reading materials and writing assignments have been chosen to provide a framework within which to engage a variety of religious issues and to understand the significance and relevance of religion in world history.

Sec. 1 (Ref# 02081)	M W F	2:00pm-4:10pm	DHA 0103	Session C
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REL2121 **Religion in the U.S.** **Staff**

This course examines four aspects of religion in North America--politics, community, cosmology, and practice--and surveys the historical development of each from the 16th century to the present.

Sec. 1 (Ref# 02082)	M W F	9:00am-11:10am	WMS 0318	Session B
Sec. 2 (Ref# 04194)	T R	11:00am-2:15pm	DIF 0204	Session B
Sec. 3 (Ref# 04195)	M W F	2:00pm-4:10pm	WMS 0320	Session C

REL2315 **Religions of South Asia** **Dr. Erndl**

Overview of religions in the South Asian cultural region, emphasizing Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, and Islam. The history and cultural contexts of these traditions will be explored with particular attention to sacred stories, holy people, religious leadership, and gender issues. This course also serves as an introduction to the academic study of religion. No previous background is required. Meets Liberal Studies Humanities and Multicultural (x) requirements. Students will gain familiarity with the basic concepts of the religious traditions of South Asia, will develop interpretive skills in the academic study of religion, and will have the opportunity to develop research and writing skills by exploring a topic of special interest.

Sec. 1 (Ref# 02085)	T R	2:30pm-5:45pm	DHA 0103	Session C
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REL3112 **Religion and Fantasy** **Staff**
This course offers an overview of theological and anti-theological elements in twentieth and twenty-first century fantasy literature from authors Lewis, Tolkien, Rowling, and Pullman.

Sec. 1 (Ref# 04196) **M W F** **9:00am-11:00am** **DIF 0204** **Session C**

REL3128 **Religion and Politics in the U.S.** **Staff**

Sec. 1 (Ref# 04223) **T R** **11:00am-2:15pm** **HCB 0312** **Session B**

REL3170 **Religious Ethics** **Dr. Kalbian**
This introduction to the study of religious ethics meets the Gordon Rule requirement, the liberal studies area IV requirement and the multicultural x requirement. Students will examine the moral problems raised by issues such as deception, capital punishment, war, the environment, and human sexuality in the context of religious views about love, duty, good, and evil. They will undertake this examination through close readings of texts describing views of different religious traditions including Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, and Islam. They will also develop and fine-tune their writing skills by completing two 1500 word papers.

Sec. 1 (Ref# 02087) **T R** **11:00am-2:15pm** **DHA 0103** **Session B**

REL3363 **Islamic Traditions** **Dr. Gaiser**
REL 3363 Islamic Traditions is a historical and topical survey of Islam as a religion and civilization that focuses on the formative and classical periods of Islamic history. The course is primarily concerned with: the life and career of Muhammad the Prophet of Islam, the scriptural sources of Islam (i.e. the Qur'an and the *Sunna*), the development of the Muslim community and its principle institutions (schools of thought, law, theology, cultural life and mystical traditions). The course will acquaint you with significant aspects of Islam as a religion, and to help you think through some of the basic questions of human religious experience in light of the responses given to those questions by the great sages and saints of the Islamic tradition.

Sec. 1 (Ref# 02089) **M W F** **2:00pm-4:10pm** **DHA0103** **Session B**

REL3367 **Islam in the Modern World** **Staff**

Sec. 1 (Ref# 04216) **T R** **2:30pm-5:45pm** **DIF 0204** **Session C**

REL3505 **The Christian Tradition** **Staff**

This course is an introduction to Christianity. We will examine the historical narrative of the tradition from its beginnings in the first century through twentieth-century developments. We will also focus on the doctrinal side of the tradition by reading primary texts of key Christian thinkers.

Sec. 1 (Ref# 02090) **T R** **2:30pm-5:45pm** **DIF 0204** **Session B**

REL4190/5195 **Religion and Genocide** **Dr. Twiss**

Interdisciplinary exploration of the roles of religion in the production of genocide (e.g., ideology, justification, institutional structures) and in responses to its aftermath (e.g., philosophy and theology, accountability, reconciliation). Particular attention to the Holocaust, Bosnia, and Rwanda, as well as their comparison. Requirements: seminar presentations and a final research paper.

Sec. 1/1 (Ref# */04217)** **W** **2:00pm-4:45pm** **DOD 0207** **Session A**

REL5497 **Hegel and Religious Ethics** **Dr. Kavka**

Through a close reading of G. W. F. Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* and important works in the secondary literature on Hegel, this reading course will lay the groundwork for and assess the recent social-practical turn in religious ethics. **S/U only.**

Sec. 1 (Ref# 04218) **TBA** **Session A**

