History:

EUH4241 The Holocaust In Historical Perspective (3)

Modern Languages:

HBR1120 Elementary Modern Hebrew I (4)
HBR1121 Elementary Modern Hebrew II (4)
HBR2220 Intermediate Modern Hebrew (4)
IFS3043 Nazi Crimes Against Humanity (3)

Political Science:

INR4272 Studies in International Politics: The Middle East (3)

Religion:

HBR1102 Beginning Hebrew I (4)
HBR1103 Beginning Hebrew II (4)
HBR2222 Intermediate Hebrew (4)
REL2210 Introduction to the Old Testament (3)
REL3194 The Holocaust (3)
REL3209 The Dead Sea Scrolls (3)
REL3224 The Hebrew Prophets (3)
REL3607 The Jewish Tradition (3)
REL4203 Readings in Classical Hebrew Texts (1-3)
REL4212 The Book of Genesis: Literary and Historical Approaches (3)
REL4215 Judaism in the Greco-Roman World (3)
REL4613 Modern Judaism (3)

Definition of Prefixes

GRW — Classical Greek Literature (Writings)
HBR — Modern Hebrew Language
HPS — History and Philosophy of Science
IFS — Interdisciplinary Florida State University Courses
PHI — Philosophy
REL — Religion: Undergraduate
RLG — Religion: Graduate
SRK — Sanskrit Language

Undergraduate Courses

GRW 3250r. New Testament Greek (3). Prerequisite: GRE 2220 or completion of twelve-hour foreign language sequence in Greek. This course offers an introduction to reading the New Testament in Greek; it involves a comparison of New Testament Greek to Attic Greek grammar, as well as an introduction to New Testament scholarship. May be repeated to a maximum of six semester hours provided texts change.

HBR 1102. Beginning Hebrew I (4). This course is an introduction to the basic grammar, syntax, and phonology of modern and classical Hebrew. Meets the foreign language requirement for the BA degree. No language laboratory required.
HBR 1103. Beginning Hebrew II (4). This course is an introduction to the basic grammar, syntax, and phonology of modern and classical Hebrew. Meets the foreign language requirement for the BA degree. No language laboratory required.

HBR 2222. Intermediate Hebrew (4). This course focuses on translation and commentary on selected Hebrew readings. Meets the foreign language requirement for the BA degree. No language laboratory required.

IFS 2007. Need and Greed (Is Money the Root of all Evil?) (3). This course examines the ethics of money, wealth, and poverty from the perspective of religious communities.

IFS 2019. Heretics, Rebels and Militants in the Islamic World (3). This e-series honors seminar evaluates the topics of Islamic sectarianism and denominationalism by tracing the main sectarian movements among medieval and modern Muslims. Students engage in broad, critical and creative thinking about the creation of "orthodoxy" and "heresy," the development of religious differences, the interaction between politics, culture and religion, and the issue of religious violence. They gain knowledge and critical thinking skills that assist them as they navigate a range of perspectives and trajectories related to the world’s many different Muslims.

IFS 2039. Noah’s Flood Through the Ages (3). This course is an examination of the biblical flood story from its roots in the ancient Near East to antiquity up until today. Special focus on how the flood story has been a locus for contemporary debates involving religion and science since the 1600s.

IFS 3050. India Through Bollywood Film (3). This course examines Indian identity, cultural, and religious values as expressed in film. The popular cinema produced in Bombay (now Mumbai), dubbed 'Bollywood,' predominates, spanning the period from Indian and Pakistani Independence (1947) to the 21st century.

IFS 3055. Science Fiction, Dystopia, Fate, and the Problem of Evil (3). This course explores the concepts of fate, providence, and the problem of evil in religion and popular culture through the critical study of several highly successful science fiction and dystopian novels authored during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. It situates these novels in the context of philosophical and theological developments from ancient times to the present.

IFS 3069. Just Torture (3). In this course, students learn to think critically about a range of topics that include: history of torture; torture, pain, and unmaking the world; social psychological accounts of conditions making torture possible; genealogy of modern torture; democracy and recent proposals to legalize torture; comparative moral and religious perspectives on torture and its critique; and prospects for the abolition of torture.

PHI 3700. Philosophy of Religion (3). This course is an analysis of major issues in philosophy of religion. Topics may include the rationality of religious belief, faith, religious experience, religious language, evil, and the relation between religion and morality. Also offered by the Department of Religion.

REL 1300. Introduction to World Religions (3). This course surveys the major living religious traditions of the world, with attention to their origins in the ancient world and their classic beliefs and practices.

REL 2121. Religion in the United States (3). This course examines the scope and nature of religious movements, trends, and figures in American religious history, with an emphasis on the role that religious groups and institutions have played in conceptions of America and formations of American identity.

REL 2210. Introduction to the Old Testament (3). This course studies the history, religious thought, and social institutions of ancient Israel as reflected primarily in its literature.

REL 2240. Introduction to the New Testament (3). This course introduces students to the writings of the New Testament in the context of the historical development of early Christianity.

REL 2315. Religions of South Asia (3). This course studies the history and culture of the religious traditions of South Asia. A study of the manifestations of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam, Sikhism, and Christianity in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

REL 2350. Religions of East Asia (3). This course is an introduction to the history, thought, and practice of religion in China, Korea, and Japan. Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, and popular religious traditions from ancient through modern times are covered.
REL 3112. Religion and 20th Century Fantasy Literature (3). 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.

REL 3128r. Topics in Religion in the Americas (3). Prerequisite: REL 2121 or instructor permission. May be repeated to a maximum of six semester hours.

REL 3142. Religion, the Self, and Society (3). This course covers interpretation of religious phenomena by the major social theorists of modern times. The course is divided into two parts: the psychology of religion and the sociology of religion.

REL 3145. Gender and Religion (3). This course considers the impact of gender on religion. Includes cross-cultural studies, theoretical works, and gender issues within religious traditions.

REL 3155. Psychology in American Religious History (3). This course explores the psychological aspects of religious life in five different religious traditions in the United States. It examines the cultural experiences and social structures that have shaped psychological approaches to religion in the U.S. in the 20th and 21st centuries.

REL 3160. Religion and Science (3). This course provides an historical and philosophical analysis of major questions in the relationship between religion and science.

REL 3170. Religious Ethics and Moral Problems (3). This course discusses contemporary moral problems such as deception, sexual activities and relations, and capital punishment from the standpoints of major religious traditions.

REL 3171r. Topics in Ethics (3). This course considers themes and problems in modern ethics. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours. May be repeated within the same semester.

REL 3180. Religion and Bioethics (3). This course offers an introduction to theoretical and practical issues in bioethics from the perspective of a variety of religious and secular positions.

REL 3194. The Holocaust (3). This course examines the origins, the process, and the consequences of the destruction of the European Jews during World War II.

REL 3209. The Dead Sea Scrolls (3). Prerequisite: REL 2210 or equivalent. This course examines key manuscripts of the Qumran corpus and focuses on issues such as the history, beliefs, and praxis of the Jewish sectarian movement that is associated with the scrolls; the archaeology of the Qumran site; and the significance of the scrolls for understanding Second Temple Judaism.

REL 3224. The Hebrew Prophets (3). Prerequisite: REL 2210 or equivalent. This course analyzes the prophetic books of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the twelve minor prophets. The course examines the role of prophecy elsewhere in the Hebrew Bible (as in the Elijah stories) and situates the biblical prophets within the broader context of prophecy, as a religious and social phenomenon in the ancient Near East.

REL 3293r. Topics in Biblical Studies (3). Prerequisites: REL 2210 and REL 2243 or instructor permission. This course focuses on selected topics dealing with biblical writings in their ancient historical contexts and/or their interpretation in later periods. May be repeated within the same term to a maximum of nine semester hours.

REL 3333. Ramayana in Indian Culture and Beyond (3). This course is an introduction to the Hindu tradition through the Ramayana, one of its most popular and celebrated sacred texts.

REL 3337. Goddesses, Women, and Power in Hinduism (3). This course studies female power in Hindu cosmology, mythology, and society. A study of Hindu goddesses, women, and female symbolism and the multifaceted relationship among them.

REL 3340. The Buddhist Tradition (3). This course surveys the Buddhist tradition from its beginnings through the modern period. Some attention to its contemporary forms.

REL 3345. Chan/Zen Buddhism (3). This course focuses on Chan, a school of Chinese Buddhism popularly known in Japanese as “Zen”. The course surveys Zen both historically and thematically, from its beginnings through the modern period. Topics include Chan’s origins, history, doctrine, ethical beliefs, meditation, ritual, and monastic institutions.

REL 3351. Japanese Religions (3). This course investigates the influence of Japanese religious traditions on Japanese life, culture, and history; as well as the influence of history and politics on modern Japanese religiosity.
REL 3358. Tibetan and Himalayan Religions (3). This course is an historical and thematic survey of the religions of Tibet and the Himalayas, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Sikkim. The course emphasizes significant facets of this region’s rich cultural heritage, including religion, literature, art, and politics.

REL 3363. Islamic Traditions (3). This course provides a historical and topical survey of Islam as a religion and civilization, focusing on the formative and classical periods of its 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); and the development of the Muslim community and its principal institutions (schools of thought, law, theology, cultural life, and mystical traditions).

REL 3367. Islamic Traditions II: Islam up to the Modern World (3). This course examines Islam and its adherents from 1300 CE to the present, concentrating on the last two centuries of Islamic history: the period of reform, renewal, and revolution in the wake of Western political and cultural domination. This course investigates a basic question: What happened to different Muslim communities and intellectuals (specifically those in the Arab world, Iran, Turkey, and Africa) as they responded to the challenges posted by "Westernization" and "modernization?" Moreover, it explores the relatively new phenomenon of Islam in America.

REL 3370. Religion in Africa (3). This course examines the variety and complexity of religious practices and beliefs on the African continent, and in particular how African discourses of religion challenge our most fundamental understandings of the term religion.

REL 3430. Issues and Thinkers in Western Religious Thought (3). This course is an introduction to the Western tradition of religious thought as illustrated by the writings of some of its greatest representatives. Readings in such primary sources as Augustine, Dante, Erasmus, Luther, Pascal, Hegel, and Kierkegaard.

REL 3431. Critics of Religion (3). This course is an introduction to the major thinkers and texts in the critique of religion as it developed in the 19th and 20th centuries in the west. Beginning with Schleiermacher, the course moves on to consider the so-called “masters of suspicion” — Feuerbach, Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud. By means of a close examination of central texts, students explore the meaning of a critique of religion, the structure of religious consciousness, the place of religion with respect to other forms of culture, the problem of religion and alienation, and the possibility of a critical faith.

REL 3505. The Christian Tradition (3). This course studies the major beliefs, practices, and institutional forms of Christianity in historical perspective.

REL 3541. American Protestant Thought in Historical Context (3). This course traces the historical development of American protestant thought by examining the writings of influential American protestant thinkers from different time periods, and by considering the social and intellectual forces that influenced their differing conceptions of Christian life.

REL 3607. The Jewish Tradition (3). This course is a survey of the varieties of institutional structures, beliefs, and religious practices of post-biblical Judaism in their historical contexts.

REL 3936r. Special Topics in Religion (1–3). May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours.

REL 4044. What Is Religion? What Is Religious Studies? (3). Prerequisite: Successful completion of at least twelve hours of coursework in the department of religion. This course is a survey of how theorists in the modern era have answered questions about the origin, essence, and function of religion, as well as an examination of the methods by which religion is studied in a scholarly environment.

REL 4190r. Undergraduate Religion and Culture Seminar (3). Prerequisite: Instructor permission. This course focuses on problems and issues in religion and culture. Topics vary. Intended for advanced undergraduate students. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours. May be repeated within the same term.

REL 4203r. Readings in Classical Hebrew Texts (1–3). Prerequisite: HEB 2230 or instructor permission. This course consists of intensive work on specific religious texts in classical Hebrew (ancient or medieval). Choice of texts vary. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve semester hours.
REL 4214. The Book of Genesis: Literary and Historical Approaches (3). Prerequisite: REL 2210 or equivalent. This course offers a close and critical reading of the Book of Genesis in terms of its composition, history of its interpretations, its Near Eastern context, its narrative artistry, as well as its relevance for ethics and theology.

REL 4215. Judaism in the Graeco-Roman World (3). This course studies the history of the Jews and the development of Jewish religious ideas, literature, institutions, and practices from the Maccabean Revolt to the redaction of the Babylonian Talmud.

REL 4290r. Undergraduate Biblical Studies Seminar (3). Prerequisite: Instructor permission. This course consists of advanced work in biblical studies for undergraduates. Topics vary. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours. May be repeated within the same semester.

REL 4304r. Undergraduate History of Religions Seminar (3). Prerequisite: Instructor permission. This course studies problems and issues in the history of religions. Topics vary. Intended for advanced undergraduate students. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours.

REL 4323. Religions of the Graeco-Roman World (3). This course studies the religions of the Graeco-Roman world with special emphasis on traditional religious forms, mystery religions, and developments in philosophy. Some attention is given to Judaism, Christianity, and Gnosticism in their broader social, cultural, and historical contexts.

REL 4324r. Tutorial in Greek Religious Texts (1–3). This course studies selected readings in Greek of Jewish, Christian, and other religious texts from the ancient world. A basic knowledge of Greek grammar is presumed. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve semester hours.

REL 4335. Modern Hinduism (3). Prerequisite: REL 2315, REL 3333, or REL 3337. This course studies selected topics on the Hindu tradition in 19th and 20th century India. Includes modern Hindu thinkers, reform movements, popular religion, Hindu nationalism, and pluralism. Attention also to Hindu-inspired religious movements outside India and to other topics of student interest.

REL 4357r. Classical Tibetan (1–3). This course is a systematic and comprehensive study of basic literary Tibetan grammar, common locutions, and translation devices. Emphasis is on exposure to a variety of styles and genres in Tibetan religious literature including Buddhist texts on philosophy, ritual, and history. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve semester hours.

REL 4359r. Special Topics in Asian Religions (3). This course focuses on selected topics and themes in the academic study of Asian religions with special emphasis on issues of methodology. Topics may include key theories in Asian studies, religion, philosophy, history, sociology, and anthropology intended to help students develop critical skills. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve semester hours as topics vary.

REL 4366. Seminar on Shi’ite Islam (3). This seminar focuses on the manifold expressions of Shi’ism from its origins to the present day. It examines the political divisions within the early Islamic community that led to the development of the Shi’a. The seminar also examines the earliest Shi’a sects and the major juridical and theological developments within Ithna-‘Ashari (“12er”) Shi’ism, such as the doctrine of the Imamate and the occultation and return of the 12th Imam. The seminar also studies the establishment and elaboration of Fatimid Isma’ilism. The latter part of the seminar is devoted to contemporary issues among the Shi’ites, including contemporary treatments of the martyrdom of Hussayn and the role of Hizbullah in the politics of the Middle East.

REL 4393. Islam in North America (3). This course surveys in seminar format the manifestations of Islam in the United States, as well as American perceptions of Islam and Muslims. The course begins with the early 18th century and examines early American attitudes toward Muslims, and then moves to the experience of Islam among African-Americans. The latter third of the course is devoted to the assimilation of Muslim immigrants in the US, and how the issues of race, gender, “trans-nationalism” and stereotypes impact the American Muslim community.

REL 4491r. Undergraduate Religious Thought Seminar (3). Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Topics vary. Intended for advanced undergraduate students. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours.

REL 4510. Christianity after the New Testament (3). Prerequisite: REL 2240 or instructor permission. This course covers major developments in the history and theology of Christianity in the first three centuries of the Common Era.
**REL 4511. Christianity in Late Antiquity (3).** This course studies Christian thought, institutions, lifestyles, and literature in their social, cultural, and historical contexts from the time of Jesus to the early Middle Ages.

**REL 4562. Modern Roman Catholicism (3).** This course studies the Catholic Church from the Council of Trent to the present day; special consideration given to Vatican II, current problems, and leading thinkers.

**REL 4613. Modern Judaism (3).** This course studies the development of Judaism as a religious and cultural phenomenon in Europe, North America, and the Middle East from the European Enlightenment to the birth of the State of Israel.

**REL 4905r. Directed Individual Study (1–3).** This course consists of supervised reading and research on selected topics. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours.

**REL 4908r. Tutorial in Pali (1–3).** This course studies the grammar, vocabulary, and style of the Pali canon to better understand both Buddhist philosophical concepts and the culture of ancient Buddhist India. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve semester hours.

**REL 4912r. Tutorial in Sanskrit Texts (1–3).** Prerequisite: SRK 4103 or equivalent. This course consists of readings in Sanskrit of selected religious texts. Topics vary. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve semester hours.

**REL 4914r. Tutorial in Latin Religious Texts (1–3).** This course consists of readings in Latin of selected religious texts. Topics vary. A basic knowledge of Latin grammar is presumed. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve semester hours.

**REL 4932r. Honors Work (3).** In this course, students completing this program are awarded their diploma “With Honors in Religion.” Interested students should consult with the advisor of the program. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours.

**SRK 4102. Elementary Sanskrit I (3).** This course is an introduction to the morphology and syntax of Sanskrit and introduction to Sanskrit texts.

**SRK 4103. Elementary Sanskrit II (3).** This course is an introduction to the morphology and syntax of Sanskrit and introduction to Sanskrit texts.

### Graduate Courses

**HPS5340.** Freud and the Invention of the Modern Mind (3).

**HPS5345.** Power, Knowledge, and Control: Foucault and the History of Human Sciences (3).

**RLG5035.** Seminar: Introduction to the Study of Religion (3).

**RLG5195r.** Seminar: Religion and Culture (3).

**RLG5204r.** Readings in Classical Hebrew Texts (1–3).

**RLG5292r.** Tutorial in Near Eastern Languages and Literature (1–3).

**RLG5297r.** Seminar: Biblical Studies (3).

**RLG5305r.** Seminar: History of Religions (3).

**RLG5318r.** Tutorial in Classical Chinese Religious Texts (3–12).

**RLG5328r.** Tutorial in Greek Religious Texts (1–3).

**RLG5332.** Modern Hinduism (3).

**RLG5346r.** Seminar: Chinese Buddhism (3–12).

**RLG5354r.** Special Topics in Asian Religions (3).

**RLG5356r.** Readings in Tibetan Religious Texts (3–12).

**RLG5367.** Seminar on Shi’ite Islam (3).

**RLG5368.** Islam in North America (3).

**RLG5486.** Religious Thought in America (3).

**RLG5497r.** Seminar: Religious Thought (3).

**RLG5514.** Christianity in Late Antiquity (3).
RLG5562. Modern Roman Catholicism (3).
RLG5612. Judaism in the Graeco-Roman World (3).
RLG5616. Modern Judaism (3).
RLG5906r. Directed Individual Study (1–3).
RLG5910r. Tutorial in Pali (1–3).
RLG5911r. Supervised Research (1–3). (S/U grade only.)
RLG5915r. Tutorial in Sanskrit Texts (1–3).
RLG5916r. Tutorial in Latin Religious Texts (1–3).
RLG5937r. Special Topics in Religion (3).
RLG5940. Supervised Teaching (3). (S/U grade only.)
RLG6176r. Seminar: Ethics and Politics (3).
RLG6298r. Seminar: Scriptures and Interpretation (3).
RLG6498r. Seminar: Religious Thought (3).
RLG6596r. Seminar: Religious Movements and Institutions (3).
RLG6904r. Readings for Examination (1–12). (S/U grade only.)
SRK5236. Intermediate Readings in Sanskrit I (3).
SRK5237. Intermediate Readings in Sanskrit II (3).

For listings relating to graduate coursework for thesis, dissertation, and master’s and doctoral examinations and defense, consult the Graduate Bulletin.

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