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SUMMER 2019 RELIGION COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

REL1300 Introduction to World Religions Various

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. *Meets LS Humanities and Writing requirements as well as Multicultural X. This course is also offered online.*

REL2121 Religion in the U.S. Various

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.

REL2210 Introduction to the Old Testament LaToya Leary

The word “Bible” is derived from the Greek word “biblia” which means “books”. While revered as a single book, the Bible is a collection of many texts that were composed by different authors at different times for different reasons. This course is an introduction to the critical study of this assorted literature and the world in which it was produced. We will examine individual texts of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament within their historical contexts while taking into consideration other methodological approaches such as literary criticism and theology. *Meets LS Humanities and Writing requirements as well as Multicultural Y.*

REL2240 Introduction to the New Testament Tara Baldrick-Morrone

This course introduces students to the writings of the New Testament in the context of the historical development of early Christianity. *Meets LS Humanities and Cultural Practice as well as Multicultural Y.*

REL3152 Religion, Race & Ethnicity Dr. Drake

This course examines the relation between race, ethnicity and religious beliefs in a cross-cultural context. *Meets Ethics & Social Responsibility as well as X (cross-cultural).*

REL3170 Religious Ethics & Moral Problems Various

This course discusses contemporary moral problems such as deception, sexual activities and relations, and capital punishment from the standpoints of major religious traditions. *Meets Ethics & Social Responsibility as well as X (cross-cultural).*

REL3363 Islamic Traditions**Amanda Propst**

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). *Meets LS Humanities and Cultural Practice as well as Multicultural Y.*

REL3431 Critics of Religion**Lauren Lovestone**

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.

REL4905 Dir Indiv Study**GRADUATE COURSES****RLG5906 DIS****RLG5911 Supervised Research****RLG5937 Spec Topics: Religion Professional Development****Dr. Kalbian****RLG5940 Supervised Teaching****RLG5971 Thesis****RLG6904 Readings for Exam****RLG6980 DISSERTATION****RLG8964 Doctoral Exams****Dr. Levenson****RLG8976 Masters Thesis Defense****RLG8985 Dissertation Defense**