

SPRING 2022 RELIGION COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

HBR1103 Beginning Hebrew II

Prof. Levenson

A continuation of HBR 1102 or 1120, completing the study of Biblical Hebrew grammar and reading closely four or five chapters from the Hebrew Bible (for example, Ruth, Jonah, or Genesis 1-4). Prerequisite: One semester of either Biblical or Modern Hebrew or permission of the instructor. Note that students may take both HBR 1103 and HBR 1121 (Modern Hebrew II). *Meets the foreign language requirement for the BA degree. No language laboratory required.*

IDS2119 Ethics, Art and Freedom

Ross Moret

IDS2611 Civil Rights and Black Power

Ross Moret

IDS2679 Need and Greed

Steven Lane

REL1300 Introduction to World Religions

Prof Durdin & Staff

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 Cultural Practice (LS-CUL), and Diversity: Cross Cultural Studies (DIV-XCC). This course is also offered online.*

REL2121 Religion in the United States

Prof. Corrigan, Hazard & Staff

This course is designed to introduce students to the major themes, figures, and directions of religion in American history, with an eye toward ways that social and cultural contexts have shaped the religious experience of Americans in different places and times. Since it is impossible to cover all religious traditions in one semester, this course will consist of both a general survey of religion in the U.S. and a series of case studies designed to provide a closer look into some of the religious groups and ideas that have shaped this country. *Meets LS History requirements as well as Diversity in Western Experience (DIV-YWE).*

REL2210 Introduction to the Old Testament

Prof Goff and Staff

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 Cultural Practice (LS-CUL) and Diversity in western Experience (DIV-YWE).*

REL2240 Introduction to the New Testament

David Edwards and Staff

This course introduces students to the writings of the New Testament in the context of the historical

development of early Christianity. *Meets LS Cultural Practice (LS-CUL) and Diversity in western Experience (DIV-YWE).*

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. *Meets LS Cultural Practice (LS-CUL).*

REL3128 Topics in American Religion **Prof McVicar**

May be repeated up to a maximum of nine semester hours.

REL3145 Gender and Religion **Prof Williams & Staff**

This course considers the impact of gender on religion. Includes cross-cultural studies, theoretical works, and gender issues within religious traditions. *Meets LS Cultural Practice (LS-CUL) and Diversity in cross cultural studies (DIV-XCC).*

REL 3152 Religion, Race and Ethnicity **Prof Drake and Staff**

This course examines the relation between race, ethnicity and religious beliefs in a cross-cultural context.

REL3170 Religious Ethics **Multiple**

This course discusses contemporary moral problems such as deception, sexual activities and relations, war, and the economy from the standpoints of major religious traditions. *Meets Liberal Studies: Ethics and Social Responsibility (ETH/SR) and Diversity in cross cultural studies (DIV-XCC).*

REL3171 Topics in Ethics **Multiple**

This course considers themes and problems in modern ethics. The class format will include lecture, discussion, and film. *Meets Liberal Studies: Ethics and Social Responsibility (ETH/SR).*

REL3209 The Dead Sea Scrolls **Prof. Goff**

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. *Humanities and Cultural Practice.*

REL3337 Hindu Goddess, Women **Prof. Cecil**

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. *Humanities and Cultural Practice and X cross-cultural.*

REL3340 The Buddhist Tradition **Prof Yu**

This course surveys the Buddhist tradition from its beginnings through the modern period. Some attention to its contemporary forms. *Meets Liberal Studies: Cultural Practice (LS-CUL) and Diversity in cross cultural studies (DIV-XCC) requirements.*

REL3363 Islamic Traditions **Staff**

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).

REL3367 Islamic Traditions II: Islam up to the Modern World **Prof. Gaiser**

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.

REL3370 Religion in Africa **Prof. Hellweg**

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. *Humanities and Cultural Practice; X (cross-cultural)*.

REL3484 New Religious Movements **Staff**

This course investigates the role of new religious movements (NRMs) in American culture and history. *Humanities and Cultural Practice; Y (Western Diversity)*.

REL3505 Christian Tradition **Prof. Dupuigrenet & Staff**

This course studies the major beliefs, practices, and institutional forms of Christianity in historical perspective. *Humanities and Cultural Practice (LS-CUL)*.

REL3607 The Jewish Tradition **Prof. Kavka**

This course is a survey of the varieties of institutional structures, beliefs, and religious practices of post-biblical Judaism in their historical contexts. *Humanities and Cultural Practice; Y (Western Diversity)*.

REL3935 Special Topics: Buddhism **Prof. Cuevas**

This course focuses on selected topics and themes in the academic study of Buddhism. The course may explore key subjects and theories in Buddhist studies, including philosophy, history, sociology, anthropology, literature, and art history intended to introduce students to the diversity of Buddhist traditions throughout Asia, Europe, and North America and to help them develop critical skills necessary for evaluating a variety of scholarly approaches to the subject. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours. May be repeated within the same semester. *Humanities and Cultural Practice; X (Cross-Cultural)*.

REL4044 What is Religion? **Prof. Hazard**

This course is a survey of how theorists in the modern era have answered questions about the original essence, and function of religion, as well as an examination of the methods by which

religion is studied in a scholarly environment. *Meets Upper-Division Scholarship in Practice (UD-SIP) and Oral Communication Competency (OCC).*

REL4190 SEM: REL & Culture Profs. Drake & Dupuigrenet

This course focuses on problems and issues in religion and culture. Topics vary. Intended for advanced undergraduate students. *Permission of the instructor required.* May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours. May be repeated within the same term.

REL4203 Classical Hebrew Text Prof. Levenson

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. *HEB2230 or Permission of the instructor required.*

REL4290 SEM: Biblical Studies Prof. Levenson

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. *Permission of the instructor required.*

REL4304 SEM: Multiple

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.

REL4359 SP Topics Asian Rel: Profs. Cuevas & Yu

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.

REL4491 SEM: Religious Thought Prof. Kelsay

Topics vary. Intended for advanced undergraduate students. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours. *Permission of the instructor required.*

REL4511 Christianity in Antiquity Prof. Kelley

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.

REL4905 Directed Individual Study

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RLG5138 New Religious Movements Prof. McVicar

RLG5195-1 SEM: Religion & Culture Prof. Drake

RLG5297 SEM: Biblical Studies Prof. Levenson

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RLG5305	SEM: History of Rel:	Multiple
RLG5318	Class Chinese Texts	Prof. Yu
RLG5354	SP Topics Asian Rel:	Prof. Yu
RLG5354	SP Topics Asian Rel:	Prof. Cuevas
RLG5497	SEM: Religious Thought	Prof. Kelsay
RLG5514	Christianity in Antiquity	Prof. Kelley
RLG5906	Directed Individual Study	
RLG5911	Supervised Research	
RLG5915	Sanskrit Texts	Prof. Cecil
RLG5937	Special Topics: ARH Colloquium	Multiple
RLG 5940	Supervised Teaching	
RLG5971	Master's Thesis	
RLG6298	SEM: Scriptures/Inte	Profs. Cuevas & Kelley
RLG6498	SEM Relig. Thought:	Prof. Corrigan
RLG6904	Readings for Exams	Multiple
RLG6980	Dissertation	Multiple
RLG8964	Doctoral Exams	Multiple
RLG8976	Master's Thesis Defense	
RLG8985	Dissertation Defense	
SRK5236	Int Read in Sanskrit I	Prof. Cecil