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## SUMMER 2022 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.** **Paul Anthony**

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** **Emily Olsen**

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.*

**REL3152 Religion, Race & Ethnicity** **Tim Burnside & Lauren Lovestone**

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 and Moral Problems** **Dr. Steven Lane**

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).*

**REL3484 New Religious Movements** **Dr. Michael McVicar**

This course investigates the role of new religious movements (NRMs) in American culture and history. *Meets LS Humanities and Cultural Practice, as well as Y (Western Diversity) and upper division writing.*

**REL4905 Dir Indiv Study**

## **GRADUATE COURSES**

**RLG5906     DIS**

**RLG5911     Supervised Research**

**RLG5940     Supervised Teaching**

**RLG5971     Thesis**

**RLG6904     Readings for Exam**

**RLG6980     DISSERTATION**

**RLG8964     Doctoral Exams**

**RLG8976     Masters Thesis Defense**

**RLG8985     Dissertation Defense**