

SUMMER 2023 RELIGION COURSES

Undergraduate Courses

IDH 3119

Ethics, Religion, Superheroes

Moret

This course uses superhero mythology as a lens through which to view the historical development of ethical norms in the United States. Students unpack the ideological meanings of these stories while thinking critically about the political, historical, philosophical, psychological, and religious ideas that are reflected in the mythology. Special attention is paid to race, gender, and religion. ***Prerequisite: admission to the honors program. Liberal Studies Competencies: Ethics, Diversity.***

REL 1300

Introduction to World Religions

Edwards, Woodward

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. ***Liberal Studies Competencies: Humanities & Cultural Practice, Diversity, State-Mandated Writing (“W”). This course is also offered online.***

REL 3112

Religion and 20th Century Fantasy Literature

Wolff

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. ***Liberal Studies Competencies: Humanities & Cultural Practice, State-Mandated Writing (“W”).***

REL 3152

Religion, Race and Ethnicity

Burnside

This course examines the relation between race, ethnicity and religious beliefs in a cross-cultural context. ***Liberal Studies Competencies: Ethics, Diversity.***

REL 3170

Religious Ethics & Moral Problems

Lane, Waters

This course discusses contemporary moral problems such as deception, sexual activities and relations, war, and the economy from the standpoints of major religious traditions. ***Liberal Studies Competencies: Ethics, Diversity, State-Mandated Writing (“W”).***