

# RELIGION (REL)

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## REL 301. World Religions. (3 Credits)

I, II. Study of the basic notions found in the world's great religions. Attention is given to the historical context of the development of these religions and to the doctrines, rituals and literature produced by them. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for REL 301W. Gen. Ed. Element 3B.

## REL 301W. World Religions: Writing Intensive. (3 Credits)

I, II. Prerequisite: ENG 102, or ENG 105 (B), or HON 102 (B). Study of the basic notions found in the world's great religions. Attention is given to the historical context of the development of these religions and to the doctrines, rituals and literature produced by them. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for REL 301. Gen. Ed. IIIB or VII (AH).

## REL 302. Theories of Religion. (3 Credits)

(3) A. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or ENG 105(B) or HON 102. An overview of methods used by scholars to study religions, and a introduction to several influential theories that have shaped the field of religious studies from the nineteenth century to the present.

## REL 305. Survey of Old Testament. (3 Credits)

I. A survey of the history and religious development of the ancient Hebrews, with attention given to the religious concepts and values of the literature of the Old Testament.

## REL 306. Survey of the New Testament. (3 Credits)

II. A study of the history of the New Testament times and an examination of the meanings and significance of the teachings of Jesus and the writings of the early Church.

## REL 315. History of Christian Thought. (3 Credits)

A. A survey of Christian theology, philosophical theology, and spirituality from the Apostolic Fathers through the early Reformation period.

## REL 320. Judaism. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or ENG 105(B) or HON 102. This course introduces students to the main beliefs and practices of Judaism. Students will read a broad selection of primary sources ranging from the Hebrew Bible to contemporary Jewish thought in the United States. Gen. Ed. Element 6.

## REL 335. Islam. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105(B) or HON 102. A study of the origins and religious development of Islam by an examination of the Koran and the writings of some major Islamic thinkers. GEN. ED. E-6.

## REL 340. Religions of India. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105(B) or HON 102. Study of the major religions of India including the Vedic Period, classical systems, Epic Period, heterodox systems, orthodox systems, and contemporary thought. Gen Ed. Element 6.

## REL 345. Religions of China and Japan. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or Eng 105(B) or HON102. Study of the major religions of China and Japan, including original Han, Confucianism, Cho Schools, Neo-Taoism, Shinto, and Chinese and Japanese Buddhism. Gen. Ed. E-6.

## REL 349. Applied Learning in Religion. (1-8 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: consult with department chair before enrolling. Work in placements related to academic studies. One to eight hours credit per semester or summer. Total hours: eight, associate; sixteen, baccalaureate. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit.

## REL 349A. Cooperative Study: Religion. (1-8 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: consult with department chair before enrolling. Work in placements related to academic studies. One to eight hours credit per semester or summer. Total hours: eight, associate; sixteen, baccalaureate. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit.

## REL 350. Buddhism. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105(B) or HON 102. A critical introduction to the main beliefs and practices of Buddhism, from its origins in India to its most traditional manifestations in Asia and its latest developments in Europe and North America. Gen. Ed. E-6.

## REL 355. Religions of Africa. (3 Credits)

A. A study of traditional African religions and other religions in Africa.

## REL 360. Religion & Global Ethics. (3 Credits)

A. An examination of recent proposals for a global ethics (Peter Singer, Hans Kung, Dalai Lama), and on the theory and practice of interreligious dialogue as a possible means to arrive at cross-cultural ethical perspectives.

## REL 365. Women, Gender, and Religion. (3 Credits)

(3) A. Cross-listed as WGS 365. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105(B) or HON 102. A study of the intersections between feminism and the social impact of religion throughout the world with particular emphasis on the relationship between religion and gender, sexuality, and body politics. Credit will not be awarded for both REL 365 and WGS 365.

## REL 370. Special Topics in Religion. (1-3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: consult with department chair before enrolling. Intensive study of a selected topic or an important figure in religion. May be retaken to a maximum of fifteen hours if the topic is different.

## REL 495. Independent Work in Religion. (3 Credits)

I, II. Prerequisite: consult with department chair before enrolling. Individual study under the direction of an instructor on a special topic in religion. Students must have the independent study proposal form approved by faculty supervisor and department chair prior to enrollment. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours if topic is different.