RELIGIOUS STUDIES

REGISTRATION DATES: OCT. 24, 2016 - JAN. 6, 2017

SPRING 2017 COURSES

RELS 2001: Introduction to World Religions
ONLINE SECTION AVAILABLE

This course exposes students to different religions around the world by asking questions such as, how do different traditions describe the origins of the world? What role does ritual play in religion? What do different religions say about evil and suffering in the world? How do we think about religions differently when we study how they have characterized and treated women? Students with interests ranging from art to astronomy, from business to biology, will come to appreciate how religion influences how they understand themselves, their interactions with one another, and their place in the cosmos.

RELS 3060 - Religion & Science
TR, 11:00-12:15 | David Bell
Explores contemporary perspectives on the relation between religion and science as well as historical conflicts that arose over new forms of scientific knowledge.

RELS 3270 - Survey of World Religions
TR, 4:00-5:15 | Brett Esaki
Survey and comparison of the beliefs and practices of the major world religions including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism.

RELS 3300 - Early Christianity
MW, 1:30 - 2:45 | Lauren Cooper
Topics may include God, faith, the role of the Church, and the nature of human beings in the thought of figures such as Paul, Augustine and Aquinas; and alternatives to Orthodoxy such as Gnosticism, Arianism, and Pelagianism.

RELS 4200/6200 - Religion in America
TR, 9:30-10:45 | Brett Esaki
Introduction to the religious experience of Americans from colonial times to the present. Topics may include Native American religion, Puritanism, Mormonism, spiritualism, Reform Judaism, Catholic modernism, Islam, fundamentalism, and African-American religion.

RELS 4250/6250 - African-American Religions
MW, 3:00-4:15 | Monique Moultrie
Survey of the development of African-American religion from colonial times to the present, including an examination of both theological arguments and spiritual experiences.

RELS 4400/6450 - Modern Judaism
TR, 11:00-12:15 | Kathryn McClymond
Key issues and historical events shaping Judaism in the modern world, including Zionism, the development of Jewish denominations, the Holocaust, Middle East conflict, women’s roles in Jewish life, and the development of Judaism in the United States.

RELS 4480/6680 - Modern Islam
W, 4:30-7:00 | Abbas Barzegar
The purpose of this course is to understand the Islamic tradition in the contemporary world through a study of its history, society, institutions, as well as its various relationships to non-Muslim societies and cultures.

RELS 4615/6615 - Buddhism
MW, 1:30-2:45 | Jonathan Herman
This course offers a selective historical survey of the Buddhist traditions in India, Southeast Asia, Tibet, China, Japan, and North America.

RELS 4700/6700 - TOPICS: Animals & Religion
TR, 1:00-2:15 | Molly Bassett
Are people born to sort, organize, classify, and order their environments? Do we impose order on nature, or do we observe an order inherent in nature? In this course, you will explore questions like these in relation to two populations against which we humans define ourselves: animals and gods.

RELS 8970/8980/8985 - Teaching Religious Studies
TR, 4:00-5:15 | David Bell
**Graduate Students Only***