

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION
FALL 2013 UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS
As of: April 2, 2013

Number	Title/Description
840:101	INTRODUCTION TO RELIGION: SOCIAL PATTERNS (3) Varied origins of religion and motifs in its development in different cultures. (<i>only open to first-year students and Sophomores</i>) 01 MTh3, DC
840:112	DEATH AND AFTERLIFE (3) Various religious concepts of death, resurrection, reincarnation, and other forms of afterlife; their relevance to this-worldly life 01 TF1, DC (Hybrid) 02 MW4, LC 03 MW5, LC
840:201	OLD TESTAMENT (3) Interpretation of basic Hebrew scriptures in translation; history of religious themes such as sin, covenant, and prophecy in ancient Israel. (Same as 01:563:220:01/02/03). 01 MTh1, DC 02 MTh3, DC 03 MTh1, DC
840:202	NEW TESTAMENT (3) Interpretation of basic Christian scriptures in translation; influence of Jesus and Paul on the early Christian community. (Same as 01:563:223:01/02/03.) 01 TTh5, DC 02 MTh2, DC 03 TTh4, CAC
840:205	BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES (3) Interpretation of foundational Buddhist scriptures in their historical, literary, and philosophical contexts to trace the development of Indian Buddhism as well as its process of cultural accommodations in East Asia. ... 01 TTh4, CAC
840:212	RELIGIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD (3) Religious beliefs, practices, and sacred writings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. 01 TF2, DC 02 MW4, DC 03 TTh5, DC
840:301	ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN RELIGIONS (3) Religious patterns in Mesopotamia, Anatolia, Canaan, Israel, and Egypt from texts in translation; their impact on cultural development of the Near East. (<i>not open to Freshmen</i>) 01 MTh3, DC

840:305	APOCALYPSE NOW? RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS AND THE END OF TIME (3) The course compares ancient, Medieval, and contemporary apocalyptic movements. Case studies will include the Jewish apocalyptic movement associated with the Dead Sea Scrolls and Pauline Christianity, Medieval apocalypticism surrounding Joachim of Fiore and the Crusades, and more contemporary movements such as Jonestown and the Left Behind series of Christian thrillers. 01 TTh4, LC
840:307	JESUS (ONLINE COURSE) (3) The career and teaching of Jesus viewed in historical context; development of the Gospel tradition and its effect on later concepts of Christ. (<i>prerequisite: New Testament, 840:202, or permission of instructor</i>) Section: 90, Online chats Sessions: Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.
840:310	JESUS THE JEW (3) Explores the historic figure of Jesus within the context of first century Palestinian Judaism. Topics include Jesus and the Law, Jesus and the Temple, the problem of religious authority and types of religious leaders, the Sermon on the Mount, and the "Parting of the Ways." (same as 563:341) 01 TTh4, CAC
840:317	CATHOLICISM AND THE MODERN WORLD (3) Roman Catholicism, from the French Revolution to the present; thinkers such as Lammenais, Newman, and Gilson; topics such as liturgy, political rights, theological pluralism. 01 MTh3, LC
840:321	YOGA: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY (3) While Yoga conjures up images of bodily postures and stretches in popular western culture, this aspect of yoga is only the third and preliminary step of the eight steps outlined in the Yoga Sutras, the classical ancient Indian treatise on the practice of Yoga. This course will have three components. The first will consist of a close reading of the original Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, with particular attention paid to the pre-modern commentaries of the text, thus exposing students to the traditional understanding of the practice of classical Yoga and its goals. The second component of the course will consist of an analysis of the history of Yoga in India, considering its variegated expressions in some of the classical traditions of the subcontinent. The third component will be a consideration of Yoga's transplantation to the West. Additionally, Students will have the optional opportunity of attending a Yoga class on campus. (Cross listed with 16:521:01). 01 TTh5, LC
840:325	PROPHET MUHAMMAD (3) Muhammad's prophetic career in historical context; mystical and devotional tradition centering on him in Sunni and Shii Islam; sociopolitical reform movements based on prophetic model. (same as 01:685:325) 01 MW5, DC

840:326	ISLAM (3) Muhammad and the development of Muslim beliefs and practices; major movements and their effects on historical and current events. (Same as 01:685:326:01/02.) 01 TTh4, LC 02 MTh1, CAC
840:341	RELIGION AND PSYCHOLOGY (3) Psychological inquiry into the role of religion in the life history of the individual and his or her relation to the transcendent. 01 TTh5, DC
840:346	SEXUALITY IN THE WESTERN RELIGIOUS TRADITION (3) Central ideas and problems in the main line of Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish normative traditions on sexuality. Topics treated include sexuality and human nature, sexual identity, sex roles, marriage, family and related issues. <i>(prerequisite: one course in Western religious tradition)</i> 01 TTh4, CAC
840:352	RELIGION & SCIENCE (3) Theories of religious and scientific knowledge, cosmology and astronomy, life and creation 01 T 1/2, DC
840:369	BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY (3) Interdependence, impermanence, relativity; suffering; path to liberation; meditation; karma as cosmic justice; death and rebirth. Compassion as central ethical value. Theravada, Mahayana, and Tibetan Buddhism. (same as 01:730:369). Cross listed with 16:840:569:01. 01 T 3/4, DC
840:393	TOPICS IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION (3) RACE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY IN AMERICA 01 MTh1, CAC WOMEN IN THE BIBLE 02 MW6, CAC
840:394	TOPICS IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION: CHRISTIANS, "THE OTHER" AND VIOLENCE IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT (3) (Description Forthcoming). Cross listed with 16:840:515:01. 01 MTh2, DC
840:426	SEMINAR IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION: JUST WAR AND JIHAD (3) Close study of major sources in the religious traditions of just war and jihad and of prominent contemporary examples of the use of these traditions in religious thought on war. (Cross listed with 16:547:01). 01 TTh5, DC