

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS
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Course	Course Description	Instructor
16:840:410:01 Index: 18909	<p>EVOLUTION OF CHRISTIAN ORTHODOXY (3) History, theology, and social context of the formation of Christian orthodoxy from the First Council of Nicea to the Second Council of Nicea.</p> <p>Wednesday, 3/4 (12:30-3:35 p.m., Double Period), Loree-131, DC</p>	Tia M. Kolbaba
01:840:426:01 Index: 18901	<p>TOPICS IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION: ORIGINS OF MORAL THINKING IN CHINA (3)</p> <p>Tuesday, 2/3 (10:55 a.m.-1:55 p.m., Double Period), Loree-131, DC</p> <p>What makes us human? What is a good life? Why is ritual so central to such visions? What is proper relationship with others, from family, friends, strangers and spirits? Is our relationship with others contingent to or constitutive of us as humans? What should one do when one's parent or child commits a crime? Is political office a higher calling that is worth sacrificing one's life or, rather, is it just an expression of our egoism and hence a waste of life? What is the source of political legitimacy? Is the state the solution to the ethical, social and political malaise of human society or is it the very culprit of human suffering? These are some of the questions early Chinese religious thinkers were grappling with. The classical period from the time of Confucius in 6th century to the unification under the first emperor in 221 BCE has always been considered the single most creative and vibrant chapter in Chinese intellectual history. In this course we will closely examine how the above questions are addressed by those thinkers, traditionally categorized as Confucian, Mohist, Daoist (Taoist) and Legalist. (Cross listed with 16:840:522:01.)</p>	Tao Jiang
16:840:522:01 Index: 13445	<p>ORIGINS OF MORAL THINKING IN CHINA (3)</p> <p>Tuesday, 2/3 (10:55 a.m.-1:55 p.m., Double Period), Loree-131, DC</p> <p>Course description same as description for 840:426, above. (Cross listed with 01:840 426:01.)</p>	Tao Jiang
16:840:595:01 Index: 13444	<p>INDEPENDENT STUDY (3) For distribution of specific Independent Studies courses, consult the Director of the Graduate Program.</p>	By Arrangement
16:840:596:01 Index: 13446	<p>INDEPENDENT STUDY (3) For distribution of specific Independent Studies courses, consult the Director of the Graduate Program.</p>	By Arrangement

16:840:701:01 Index: 14254	RESEARCH IN RELIGION (3) 16:840:701 and 16:840:702 must be taken in combination for the 6-credit M.A. thesis option. Contact Department Staff for special permission number.	By Arrangement
16:840:702:01 Index: 13447	RESEARCH IN RELIGION (3) 16:840:701 and 16:840:702 must be taken in combination for the 6-credit M.A. thesis option. Contact Department Staff for special permission number.	By Arrangement
16:840:703:01 Index: 15950	CAPSTONE PROJECT IN RELIGION (3) For distribution of specific Independent Studies courses, consult the Director of the Graduate Program.	By Arrangement

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