

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION
FALL 2014 UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

As of: August 7, 2014

Number	Title/Description
840:112	<p>DEATH AND AFTERLIFE (3) Various religious concepts of death, resurrection, reincarnation, and other forms of afterlife; their relevance to this-worldly life 01.....TF2, DC (Hybrid) 02.....MW4, LC 03.....MW5, LC</p>
840:201	<p>INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE I: TORAH AND PROSE (3) This is the first course of a two-semester sequence. The main goal is to introduce students to the literature of the Bible, focusing on the Torah and the historical material in Joshua through Samuel. Emphasis is placed on literary, historical, and theological matters. Special use is made of archaeological discoveries. The Bible is studied against the backdrop of ancient Near Eastern literature, history, religion, mythology, and law. (Credit not given for both this course and 01:563:220.) 01.....MW5, DC</p>
840:202	<p>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.) 01.....MTh1, DC 02.....MTh2, DC</p>
840:211	<p>RELIGIONS OF THE EASTERN WORLD (3) Religious beliefs, practices, and sacred writings of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. 01.....MTh3, LC 02.....TTh5, CAC 03.....TTh6, CAC</p>
840:212	<p>RELIGIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD (3) Religious beliefs, practices, and sacred writings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. 01.....MW5, DC 02.....TTh5, DC 03.....TTh6, DC</p>
840:226	<p>ISLAM (3) Muhammad and the development of Muslim beliefs and practices; major movements and their effects on historical and current events. (Same as 01:685:226:01) 01.....MW6, CAC</p>
840:240	<p>LOVE AS ETHIC AND IDEA (3) Judeo-Christian religious tradition, viewed through the concept of love as moral and theological ideal, from the biblical period to the present. 01.....TTh4, CAC</p>
840:307	<p>JESUS (3) The career and teaching of Jesus viewed in historical context; development of the Gospel tradition and its effect on later concepts of Christ. 90.....Online</p>
840:317	<p>RELIGION IN AMERICAN HISTORY (3) Survey of American religious history, exploring the relationship between religion and trends in such areas as politics, science, technology, gender relations, economy, and immigration. 01.....MTh1, CD</p>
840:318	<p>CONTEMPORARY CATHOLIC THEOLOGY (3) Selected themes in the thought of twentieth-century Roman Catholic figures, such as Rahner, Schillebeeckx, Kung. 01.....TTh6, CAC</p>
840:319	<p>RELIGION IN AMERICAN HISTORY (3) Survey of American religious history, exploring the relationship between religion and trends in such areas as politics, science, technology, gender relations, economy, and immigration. 01.....MTh1, DC</p>

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840:323	<p>BUDDHISM (3) Rise of Buddhist theory and practice in the context of Indian culture; encounters with indigenous religions of East and Southeast Asia; development of Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana. 01.....MW6, CAC</p>
840:340	<p>THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS (3) The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls was one of the most dramatic archaeological finds of the twentieth century. Since their discovery in 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls have been the subject of intense study and debate, and have profoundly influenced the way in which we understand the ancient Jewish world, as well as the origins of Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. In this class, we will examine a number of the Dead Sea Scrolls, attempting to understand them within their original historical contexts, as well as their significance for later Jewish and Christian traditions. All readings are in English. (Credit not given for both this course and 01:563:340.) 01.....MW6, CAC</p>
840:341	<p>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</p>
840:368	<p>HINDU PHILOSOPHY (3) Upanishads, Patanjali, Bhagavad-Gita; theories of matter, energy, states of consciousness; meditation. Yogas of knowledge, action, devotion. Karma. Ethics. Comparison of Hindu and Western cosmology. (same as 01:730:368) 01.....TTh6, DC</p>
840:350	<p>WOMEN IN EASTERN RELIGIONS (3) Images and roles of women in major Asian religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism. Women's autobiographical accounts of religious experiences; attitudes toward women expressed in these religious institutions; the feminine as a symbol of the divine; representative great goddesses such as Kuan-yin. (same as 01:988:343). 01.....TTh5, CAC</p>
840:372	<p>ISLAMIC MYSTICAL LITERATURE (3) Examines literary output of mystics in the Islamic world. Focus on mystical teachings; attention also paid to poetry, biography and the modern novel, all in English translation. 01.....MW4, LC</p>
840:380	<p>RELIGIOUS HEALING IN THE U.S. (3) This course will explore the history of religious healing in the United States, focusing especially on the following questions: How have major social, cultural, economic, and political trends in the United States impacted the way in which religious Americans defined illness and its cure? How have individuals from various religious traditions responded to the ascendancy of the medical establishment and the growing prestige of medical science? How does the practice of modern medicine compare to explicitly religious healing rituals? How have different healing traditions interacted within an American context? (Cross listed with 16:840:593:01.) 01.....MW4, DC</p>
840:405	<p>WESTERN ENCOUNTER WITH HINDUISM (3) This course will attempt an overview of representation of India on the Western Religious Landscape stemming from the earliest interactions between West and East, the subsequent cultural and intellectual exchanges, the eventual colonialization of the subcontinent, and the post-colonial aftermath. Attention will be especially paid to the Orientalist construction of Hinduism during this period. Open to Religion majors junior/senior. (Prerequisites: 01:840:211, "Religions of the Eastern World AND 01:840:212, "Religions of the Western World.). Cross listed with 16:840:594:01 01.....T, 3/4, DC</p>
840:426	<p>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.....Th1/2, DC</p>