

Fall 2022 Religion courses with seats still available!

GREAT INTRO TO RELIGIOUS STUDIES!

840:101: Gods, Myths, and Religions in a Secular Age

An introduction to the academic study of religion, this course focuses on four areas of study: myth; religious authority; purity and sacred space; and ritual practices. Topics studied may include religious fundamentalism and violence; debates about religion and science; new religious movements. A great introduction for the Religion major or minor AND a great course for the student who simply wants to take an introductory course on religion.

Professor Dreff | Wednesdays CAC, 5:40-8:40
Fulfills 21C and AH Core Requirements

840:201 Intro to the Bible I: Torah and Prose

Introduces students to the literature of the Bible, focusing on the Torah and the historical material in Joshua through Samuel. The Bible is studied against the backdrop of ancient Near Eastern literature, history, religion, mythology, and law.
Professor Ballentine | Mondays & Wednesdays LIV 2:00 -3:20 pm
Fulfills HST, AHp Core Requirements

840:212: Religions of the Western World An introduction to the three traditions that we traditionally call "western" (even though they all come from what we call the Middle East): Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. **Section 01 CAC M/W 2 – 3:20 p.m.;**
Section 02 LIV M/W 5:40 – 7:00 p.m. Professor Pavlin. Fulfills HST, SCL, & AHo Requirements

840:132:01 Religion and the Arts

Monday and Thursday | Douglass 10:20 - 11:40 am

This course will survey ways that the arts are used in religion and religion is used in the arts, with a focus on visual arts, music, dance, and drama.

Professor McGinley. Fulfills AHP Core Requirement

OUR UPPER-LEVEL COURSES OFFER IN-DEPTH EXPLORATIONS OF A WIDE RANGE OF RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND TOPICS!!

840:311 Christians, the Other & Violence

History and analysis of Christians as victims and perpetrators of violence, from early Christianity to the early modern period. Includes the study of martyrdom, imperial and medieval Christianity, crusades, and the European Wars of Religion.

Professor Kolbaba, meets Tuesday and Thursday CAC 2:00-3:20 pm

Fulfills WCR Core Requirement

1:840:302:01 Bible & Archeology

Archeological remains of city walls, gates, homes, temples, and palaces, as well as royal monuments and inscriptions are invaluable for our understanding of the society that informed and was shaped by biblical authors. In this course we study select material evidence, where and how it was found, how scholars have interpreted it, as well as the particular biblical stories and phenomena the material evidence elucidates. Students will become familiar with the ancient data, practice analysis of material and literary evidence, and examine scholarly theories and debates about biblical, ancient Judean, and ancient Israelite traditions. **Professor Ballentine, meets Mondays & Thursdays CAC 10:20 – 11:40 a.m.**

ALL RELIGION MAJORS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE ONE SEMINAR!

840:403:01 Seminar on the Vedanta Sutras

The Vedanta, or Brahma, Sutras has emerged as the most important of the six schools of Indian philosophy, and, indeed, has almost become synonymous with Hindu philosophy. Written in order to clarify the sometimes abstruse statements of the Upanishads, the oldest philosophical texts in Hinduism, the cryptic nature of the Vedanta Sutras in turn produced a number of distinct streams of commentarial interpretation. This course will attempt an overview of the main schools of Vedantic thought up to the medieval period -- Sankara, Ramanuja, Madhva, Nimbarka, Vallabha and Baladeva. Attention will be paid to some of the prominent points of agreement as well as contestation amongst some of these schools. The course focuses on primary texts.

Professor Bryant, CAC Tuesdays 10:20 am - 1:20 pm *(Only open to students in their junior or senior year. Some prior knowledge of Hindu philosophy recommended.)*