

Course Catalog - Spring 2008

Religious Studies

101 ***Bible as Literature*** credit: 3 hours.

Themes and literary genres in the Bible, emphasizing content important in Western culture. Same as CWL 111 and ENGL 114.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Literature and the Arts course.

104 ***Asian Mythology*** credit: 3 hours.

Introductory survey of the mythologies of India, China, and Japan. Same as ASST 104.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Non-Western Cultures course.

106 ***Archaeology and the Bible*** credit: 3 hours.

Examination of archaeological evidence, especially from Syria-Palestine, and discussion of its use in the interpretation of Biblical literature.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Advanced Composition, and Hist&Philosoph Perspect course.

108 ***Religion & Society in West I*** credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to classic writers and texts in Western religious and social thought from antiquity to the Enlightenment, with emphasis on their social and historical contexts. Same as ANTH 108, PHIL 108, and SOC 108.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Western Comparv Cult course.

109 ***Religion & Society in West II*** credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to classic writers and texts in Western religious and social thought from the Enlightenment to the present, with emphasis on their social and historical contexts. Same as ANTH 109, PHIL 109, and SOC 109.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Western Comparv Cult course.

110 ***World Religions*** credit: 3 hours.

Survey of the leading living religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; examination of basic texts and of philosophic theological elaborations of each religion. Same as PHIL 110. This course can be used to fulfill either Western or Nonwestern general education categories, but not both.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, Non-Western Cultures, and Western Comparv Cult course.

111 ***Elementary Greek I*** credit: 4 hours.

Same as GRK 101. See GRK 101.

112 ***Elementary Greek II*** credit: 4 hours.

Same as GRK 102. See GRK 102.

115 ***Language and Culture in India*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as LING 115. See LING 115.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Non-Western Cultures course.

120 ***A History of Judaism*** credit: 3 hours.

Examines the social, political, economic, and intellectual history of the Jews from Abraham to the present-day, with particular attention to Jewish thought and society. Same as HIST 168.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Advanced Composition, and Hist&Philosoph Perspect course.

121 ***Introduction to Christianity*** credit: 3 hours.

Typological and historical approaches to major forms of Christianity: Eastern Orthodoxy, Catholicism, and Protestantism.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect course.

122 **History East Asian Religions** credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to East Asian religious traditions; emphasizes the ideas of Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism in China and their historical interactions. Same as EALC 122.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Non-Western Cultures course.

127 **Introduction to Catholicism** credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to the academic study of Catholicism in its historical, philosophical and religious dimensions with an emphasis on its historical diversity.

130 **Jewish Customs and Ceremonies** credit: 3 hours.

The major festivals and life-cycle rituals of Judaism; focuses on sacred time, interaction of external and internal factors producing change and conservatism, relationship of ritual and theology, and the thematic development inherent in the rituals.

132 **Zen** credit: 3 hours.

Introduces the history, teachings, and practice of Zen Buddhism in China and Japan. Same as EALC 132.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Non-Western Cultures course.

140 **Native Religious Traditions** credit: 3 hours.

Same as AIS 140. See AIS 140.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

160 **Ancient Greek & Roman Religion** credit: 3 hours.

Same as CLCV 160. See CLCV 160.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Western Compary Cult course.

191 **Freshman Honors Tutorial** credit: 1 to 3 hours.

Study of selected topics on an individually arranged basis. Open only to honors majors or to Cohn Scholars and Associates. May be repeated one time. Prerequisite: Consent of departmental honors advisor.

199 **Undergraduate Open Seminar** credit: 1 to 5 hours.

May be repeated.

200 **Classical & Koine Greek I** credit: 4 hours.

Same as GRK 201. See GRK 201.

201 **Hebrew Bible in English** credit: 3 hours.

Analyzes the critical issues in the interpretation of the literature of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; surveys the history and religion of Ancient Israel with special reference to Israel's setting in the ancient Near East. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect course.

202 **New Testament in English** credit: 3 hours.

Analyzes the literature of the New Testament in its social and religious setting, with special reference to the ministry and teaching of Jesus, the emergence of the church as a sect within ancient Judaism, and the development of Christian institutions in the Graeco-Roman world. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

204 **Classical & Koine Greek II** credit: 4 hours.

Same as GRK 202. See GRK 202.

205 **Intensive Biblical Hebrew** credit: 5 hours.

Same as HEBR 205. See HEBR 205.

213 **Intro to Islam - ACP** credit: 4 hours.

Course is identical to RLST 214 except for the additional writing component. See RLST 214. Credit is not given for

both RLST 213 and RLST 214. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Advanced Composition, Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Non-Western Cultures course.

214 ***Introduction to Islam*** credit: 3 hours.

History of Islamic thought from the time of Muhammad to the present, including the prophethood of Muhammad, the Qur'an, theology and law, mysticism and philosophy, sectarian movements, modernism and legal reform, and contemporary resurgence. Credit is not given for both RLST 213 and RLST 214.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Non-Western Cultures course.

220 ***Jewish Storytelling*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as CWL 221, ENGL 223, and YDSH 220. See YDSH 220.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Literature and the Arts, and Western Compary Cult course.

221 ***American Judaism*** credit: 3 hours.

Forms of Judaism in America: Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Orthodox, and Hasidic Judaism; the American rabbi; Zionism in America; American Jewish communal life; national Jewish organizations; the American synagogue; and the secular Jew. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Advanced Composition course.

223 ***Qur'an Structure and Exegesis*** credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to the Qur'an (Koran), the holy scripture of Islam, examining its major doctrines, thematic development, literary style, and its relationship to pre-Qur'anic, especially Biblical, traditions. Special attention is given to various methods Muslims have used to interpret the Qur'an. Same as CWL 223. Prerequisite: RLST 213 or RLST 214.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Literature and the Arts, and Non-Western Cultures course.

224 ***Chinese Thght Confucius to Mao*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as EALC 222, and HIST 222. See HIST 222.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Non-Western Cultures course.

227 ***US Catholic Experience*** credit: 3 hours.

Studies the unique and sometimes problematic roles played by U.S. Catholics in the history and contemporary experience of U.S. culture emphasizing the problem of difference and acceptance that has characterized the Catholic Church in the United States.

229 ***Religion and Society*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as SOC 229. See SOC 229.

230 ***Philosophy of Religion Intro*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as PHIL 230. See PHIL 230.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect course.

232 ***Ancient Greek Sanctuaries*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as ARTH 218, and CLCV 232. See CLCV 232.

235 ***History of Religion in America*** credit: 3 hours.

Examines the religious history of the lands that have become the United States and the people who have become known as Americans through texts written by and about people of all races and creeds. From the precontact era through the twentieth century, this course emphasizes the diversity of American religion, the discord caused by and present in American religion, and the many instances of dialogue that have been a part of America's religious history. Same as HIST 289.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect course.

236 ***Religion, Violence & America*** credit: 3 hours.

Examination of the interactions among religion, violence, and American culture from the colonial period to the

twenty-first century. Using a wide range of primary and secondary texts, students will study the perspectives of the perpetrators and victims of religiously motivated and/or religiously justified violence, both in domestic and international affairs. Same as HIST 290.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Western Compary Cult course.

242 ***Holocaust Religious Response*** credit: 3 hours.

The theoretical foundation for ideas of national and racial superiority which attended the holocaust and responses to this phenomenon by major Jewish and Christian thinkers, including Rubenstein, Buber, Fackenheim, Berkowitz, Reuther, and Wiesel.

251 ***Viking Mythology*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as CWL 251, MDVL 251, and SCAN 251. See SCAN 251.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Western Compary Cult course.

260 ***Mystic and Saints in Islam*** credit: 3 hours.

Examines mystical concepts and practices in Islam through the ages, through the lives and writings of important mystics and Sufi holy men and women, as well as the integration of mysticism and the Sufi Orders into Muslim society and Islamic orthodoxy. No knowledge of Islam or foreign language is required.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Literature and the Arts, and Non-Western Cultures course.

266 ***Christian Social Movements*** credit: 3 hours.

Examines the emergence and development of social Christianity. Surveying a variety of Christian traditions, it analyzes their responses to the Industrial Revolution. It then examines how these frameworks respond and develop solutions to current social problems.

268 ***Jewish History to 1700*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 268. See HIST 268.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Western Compary Cult course.

269 ***Jewish History Since 1700*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 269. See HIST 269.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Western Compary Cult course.

275 ***The World of Jewish Sepharad*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as ANTh 275 and HIST 267. See ANTH 275.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, Non-Western Cultures, and Western Compary Cult course.

283 ***Jewish Sacred Literature*** credit: 3 hours.

Literary study of the major post-biblical sacred texts of Judaism; includes readings in translation from Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmudim, midrashim, piyyutim, and mystical treatises. Emphasizes nature, history, function, and development of literary patterns and forms and the relationships between form and content in these texts. Same as CWL 283, and ENGL 283.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Literature and the Arts course.

284 ***Modern Jewish Literature*** credit: 3 hours.

Same as CWL 284 and ENGL 284. See ENGL 284.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Literature and the Arts course.

286 ***Introduction to Hinduism*** credit: 3 hours.

Elements of Hindu thought and practice; selected topics presented in historical order and in the context of Indian cultural history (including the present).

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Non-Western Cultures course.

287 ***Introduction to Buddhism*** credit: 3 hours.

Thematic approach to the history of Buddhism from its origin in India to its spread throughout China and Japan;

explores how the doctrinal and social development of Buddhism in East Asia is related to the process of cultural adaptation. Same as EALC 287.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Hist&Philosophy Perspective, and Non-Western Cultures course.

291 **Hinduism in the United States** credit: 3 hours.

Same as AAS 291. See AAS 291.

320 **Lit Responses to the Holocaust** credit: 3 hours.

Same as CWL 320, ENGL 359, and YDSH 320. See YDSH 320.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a Literature and the Arts, and Western Comparative Culture course.

341 **Native People and Christianity** credit: 3 hours.

Same as AIS 341. See AIS 341.

345 **Medieval Civilization** credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 345, and MDVL 345. See HIST 345.

346 **The Age of the Renaissance** credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 346 and MDVL 346. See HIST 346.

347 **Protestant & Catholic Reforms** credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 347. See HIST 347.

368 **Religious & Messianic Movements** credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 302. See HIST 302.

369 **Spirituality and Experience** credit: 3 hours.

Same as ARTH 369, CWL 369, HIST 344, and MDVL 369. See ARTH 369.

385 **The Ethics of War and Peace** credit: 3 hours.

Same as GLOBL 385, and PHIL 385. See PHIL 385.

390 **Independent Study** credit: 2 to 6 hours.

Special topics not treated in regularly scheduled courses; designed primarily for upperclassmen. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study; consent of staff member supervising the work.

401 **Introductory Coptic I** credit: 3 hours.

Same as COP 401, and LING 414. See COP 401.

402 **Introductory Coptic II** credit: 3 hours.

Same as COP 402, and LING 415. See COP 402.

403 **Women in Muslim Societies** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of gender ideologies and social realities affecting the lives of women in various Muslim countries.

Same as ANTH 403, GLOBL 403, GWS 403, and HIST 434. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: A course in Islam or the Middle East, or consent of instructor.

408 **Islam and Modern Society** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Examines the role of Islam in contemporary politics, the contemporary resurgence of Islam, and the articulation of Islamic approaches to the new economic order, nationalism, and the changing role of women. Same as PS 408. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

409 **Transnational Islam, Europe-US** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as ANTH 402 and ASST 402. See ANTH 402.

412 **Readings in Sanskrit I** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Same as SNSK 403. See SNSK 403.

413 **Readings in Sanskrit II** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Same as SNSK 404. See SNSK 404.

415 **Intro Readings of the Talmud** credit: 3 hours.
Introduces students to the rhetoric, vocabulary, grammar, and argumentation of the Babylonian Talmud. The students will read, translate, and analyze portions of the Babylonian Talmud daily in class. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Advanced knowledge of Hebrew, especially Hebrew grammar, and the consent of the instructor.

416 **Readings in Rabbinic Midrash** credit: 3 hours.
Introduces students to the rhetoric, vocabulary, grammar, and argumentation of the Rabbinic Midrashic Collections, especially Mekhilta, Sifre Deuteronomy, and Bereshit Rabbah. The students will read, translate, and analyze portions of these collections daily in class. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Advanced knowledge of Hebrew, especially Hebrew grammar, and the consent of the instructor.

420 **Jewish Life-Writing** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Same as CWL 421, HIST 436, SLAV 420, and YDSH 420. See YDSH 420.

424 **Philosophy of Religion** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Same as PHIL 424. See PHIL 424.

429 **Language of Religion** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Introduction to the study of the language of religion; topics include: theoretical and empirical issues related to the field, methodology for the study of language of religion, analysis of religious texts, critical evaluation of the philosophical, theological, and linguistic perspectives on the nature and function of the language of religion, and analysis of diverse forms and styles of the language of religion. Same as LING 429. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

434 **History of Jews in Diaspora** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Same as HIST 433. See HIST 433.

435 **Revivalism and Evangelicalism** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Examination of the history of revivalistic and evangelical Christianities in North America from the colonial period to the twenty-first century. A combination of primary texts and scholarly studies will focus on religious, social, and political legacies, and the current shape of evangelical Christianity in America. Same as HIST 486. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

440 **Early Christian Thought** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Study of major developments in early Christian thought (first four centuries) through discussion of primary texts in translation. Same as MDVL 440. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: RLST 121 or RLST 202, or consent of instructor.

442 **History of Early Judaism** credit: 3 hours.
The history of Judaism from Ezra to the rise of Islam: Hellenism and Judaism, varieties of Judaism, Palestinian Judaism and its documents, Babylonian Judaism, the rabbis, and popular Jewish culture. Same as HIST 432. Prerequisite: Credit in one course in religious studies at the 200-, 300-, or 400-level, or consent of instructor.

443 **Ancient Near Eastern Cultures** credit: 3 hours.
Examines the literature and religious practice of the great civilizations of the Near East, particularly the Sumerian, Assyro-Babylonian, Egyptian, Canaanite and Hittite cultures. Prerequisite: RLST 201 or equivalent.

447 **Modern Catholic Thought** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Traces the history of Catholicism in its interaction with the modern world from the sixteenth century to the present, concentrating on the uneasy relationships that Catholicism has sustained with the modern world. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: RLST 127 or consent of instructor.

458 **Christians and Jews 1099-1789** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Examines the complex relations between Christians and Jews in Europe from the high Middle Ages through the Enlightenment. Among our topics are the religious and social roots of medieval persecutions of Jews; the history of Jewish banishments; construction of myths to foment hostilities; Renaissance humanism (especially the Christian absorption of Jewish scholarship); the impact of the Christian reform movements, both Protestant and Catholic, on the status of Jews; mercantilism and the re-admission of Jews; and the emergence of a discourse of religious tolerance in the Enlightenment. Same as HIST 458. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

463 **Religion and Society** credit: 4 hours.

Same as ANTH 463. See ANTH 463.

464 **Modern Japanese Drama** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as CWL 462, EALC 464, and THEA 487. See EALC 464.

468 **Religions of Africa** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as ANTH 468. See ANTH 468.

478 **US Intel & Cultr Hist to 1865** credit: 2 to 4 hours.

Same as HIST 479. See HIST 479.

479 **US Intel Cultr Hist from 1859** credit: 2 to 4 hours.

Same as HIST 481. See HIST 481.

481 **Muslim Ethics in Global Age** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Exploration of contemporary, often revisionist Muslim ideas on a broad range of ethical issues that face societies today, such as human rights, democracy, gender equality, just war, pluralism, and bioethics. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Previous coursework on Islam or the Middle East.

482 **Muslim-Christian Interactions** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Explores the complexity of Muslim-Christian interactions since early Islam, including theological and philosophical exchanges, debates, polemics, interfaith dialogue, perceptions of each other, Muslim minorities in the West, and Christian minorities in the Muslim world, and the relationship of religion to culture. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

484 **Buddhist Meditation** credit: 3 hours.

Examines classical systems of Buddhist meditation and their relation to Buddhist psychology and world view. Same as EALC 484. Prerequisite: RLST 287, or consent of instructor.

485 **Drama in Premodern Japan** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as CWL 470, EALC 463, and THEA 486. See EALC 463.

488 **History of Chinese Buddhism** credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Survey of the history of Chinese Buddhism since its introduction; analysis of Buddhological trends and styles; and the sociocultural milieu of Chinese Buddhism and its place in the total history of ideas and lifestyles. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: RLST 287, or consent of instructor.

493 **Honors Senior Thesis** credit: 3 hours.

Two-term research project. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Must be taken for two terms for a total of 6 undergraduate hours. Prerequisite: Senior majors in religious studies who are eligible for graduating with distinction from the program.

494 **Topics in Religious Thought** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

495 **Topics in Asian Religions** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Topics in Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and other Asian religious traditions. Same as EALC 495. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours as topics vary. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

496 **Topics in History of Judaism** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours.

498 **Topics in Biblical Studies** credit: 3 or 4 hours.
Detailed interpretation of selected books of the Bible. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours as topics vary.

562 **Religious Diversity** credit: 4 hours.
Intensive study of philosophical and theological responses to the phenomenon of religious diversity. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in one of the relevant fields, or consent of instructor.

590 **Independent Study** credit: 2 to 6 hours.
Special topics not treated in regularly scheduled courses; for graduates. May be repeated. 2 to 6 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study and consent of staff member supervising the work.