

Course Schedule - Spring 2007

Classical Civilization

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

Study of Greek and Roman Paganism and the rise of Christianity within that context. Readings are confined to ancient sources in English translation. Same as RLST 160.

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

CRN	Type	Section	Time	Days	Location	Instructor
46368	lecture	A	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	MW	room G9 Foreign Languages Bldg	Parca, M
46368: Discovery, Hist&Philosoph Perspect, and Western Compартv Cult course.						
46368: Ancient Greek and Roman Religion, 3 hours. First Year Discovery Program Course. Registration restricted to freshmen. Students should enroll in only one Discovery course. This course will focus on the spread of Greco-Roman pagan religion throughout the ancient world, and the ways in which local, traditional cultures embraced, reacted against, or otherwise accommodated the religious practices and beliefs of an external, dominant (Hellenistic, then Roman) political/economic empire. The coming of Christianity similarly is studied as a kind of sweeping, global change in religious beliefs and practices that, in the wake of much hostility and overtly expressed anxiety, underwent a change from an external, anti-imperial threat to something continuous with empire and at the heart of ones being considered a good Roman. At the heart of this course are issues of race, ethnicity, and the threat put to traditional religious societies by larger political and economic forces. These themes are highlighted in ways that are apt to cause reflection on similar issues in the contemporary world.						