Religious Studies Courses

Courses

RS 1301. Introduction to Religious Studies.
Introduction to Religious Studies (3-0) An introduction to religious concepts, sociology, phenomena, and ideas; survey of world religions; exploration of the relationship between ethics and religion.
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

RS 3310. Major World Religions.
Survey course which examines the world’s major religions as well as historically and recently important smaller religious groups.
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

RS 3314. Buddhism.
Rationale for adding the course: Buddhism has been taught once a year since 1994. It fulfills the RS Minor and is cross listed with Women’s Studies. It is a popular class that introduces students to an important world religion while also investigating philosophies of eastern religious thought.
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

RS 3316. Confucianism and Daoism.
This course will explore the connections between Daoism and Confucianism, their influence and significance in both history and contemporary times, and their relevance to the world today. Primary focus will be on actual Daoist and Confucian texts and their interpretation.
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

RS 3320. Introduction to Judaism.
Introduction to Judaism has been taught once a year since 1998. It fulfills the RS Minor and is cross listed with Intra-American Jewish Studies. It is a popular class that introduces students to a historically and culturally important major world religion.
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

This course will cover the period from the birth of the Christian Church and conclude with the anti-Semitism espoused by the Nazis. Using primary and secondary texts, students will examine predictions of Jews in history and art and the impact those have had on the respective time periods.
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours
RS 3330. History of Christianity.  
This class offers an overview of the history of Christian belief and practice from the faith's inception during the Roman Empire through the modern period. Course will examine the life of Jesus Christ and early Christian communities, tracing the history through the various eras of the faith's development, expansion, internal conflicts, confrontations with secularism and other world religions, and growing diversity.  
3 Credit Hours  
3 Total Contact Hours  
0 Lab Hours  
3 Lecture Hours  
0 Other Hours

RS 3332. Life and Teaching of Jesus.  
Life and Teachings of Jesus has been taught every other year since 1993. It fulfills the RS minor. It is a popular course on an important religious figure.  
3 Credit Hours  
3 Total Contact Hours  
0 Lab Hours  
3 Lecture Hours  
0 Other Hours

RS 3340. Introduction to Islam.  
This course is an introduction to Islam designed for students with a general interest in the Islamic world, in theological and cultural study of Islamic history and religious expression. Topics include the life of Muhammad, teachings of the Qur'an, sectarianism, religious beliefs and practices, religious law, and society and culture, and issues related to Islam in the contemporary world.  
3 Credit Hours  
3 Total Contact Hours  
0 Lab Hours  
3 Lecture Hours  
0 Other Hours

Special Topics In Religious Studies (3-0) An advanced course in some aspect of Religious Studies. May be repeated for credit when topic varies.  
3 Credit Hours  
3 Total Contact Hours  
0 Lab Hours  
3 Lecture Hours  
0 Other Hours

RS 3351. Gender and Religion.  
Gender and Religion has been taught 5 times since the spring of 2007. It fulfills the RS minor and is cross listed with Women's Studies. It has always been filled and provides an important component to the study of religion.  
3 Credit Hours  
3 Total Contact Hours  
0 Lab Hours  
3 Lecture Hours  
0 Other Hours

RS 3353. Religion and Film.  
Religion and Film will explore the relationship between film and religion in contemporary society using three methods of criticism: mythological, theological, and ideological. Examining religion through film promotes critical thinking and broadens the way we think about religion.  
3 Credit Hours  
3 Total Contact Hours  
0 Lab Hours  
3 Lecture Hours  
0 Other Hours

RS 3355. Hispanic Religious Expressions.  
Hispanic Religious Expressions has been taught every other year since 1996. It fulfills the RS Minor and is cross listed with Chicano Studies. It is a popular class that explores important issues for religious thought and our border community.  
3 Credit Hours  
3 Total Contact Hours  
0 Lab Hours  
3 Lecture Hours  
0 Other Hours
RS 3357. Introduction to Baha’i.
Students will learn how Baha’i arose and developed to its present form; the sacred writings, laws and teachings of the faith; along with information about how its teachings relate to other religions. This course is an excellent study of how a new religion is created.

3 Credit Hours
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0 Other Hours