

# Religious Studies Courses

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## Courses

### **RS 1301. Introduct to Religious Studies.**

Introduction to Religious Studies: An introduction to religious concepts, sociology, phenomena, and ideas; survey of world religions; exploration of the relationship between ethics and religion. [TCCN PHIL 1304]

**Department:** Religious Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

### **RS 3310. Major World Religions.**

Survey course which exams the world's major religions as well as historically and recently important smaller religious groups.

**Department:** Religious Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

### **RS 3314. Buddhism.**

Buddhism: This course introduces students to an important world religion while also investigating philosophies of eastern religious thought.

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**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.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

### **RS 3320. Introduction to Judaism.**

Introduction to Judaism: This course introduces students to a historically and culturally important major world religion.

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**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.

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0 Lab Hours

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**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.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**RS 3350. Spec Topics-Religious Studies.**

Special Topics In Religious Studies (3-0) An advanced course in some aspect of Religious Studies. May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**RS 3351. Gender and Religion.**

Gender and Religion: This course provides an important component to the study of religion. This course fulfills the RS minor, is cross listed with Women's Studies.

**Department:** Religious Studies

**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

**RS 3355. Hispanic Religious Expressions.**

Hispanic Religious Expressions: This course explores important issues for religious thought and our border community.

**Department:** Religious Studies

**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.

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**3 Credit Hours**

**3 Total Contact Hours**

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours