REL 1000.40 - Introduction to Religion - CI/G1, CH, Non-Western
Online
Religion is central in shaping culture. While cultural differences stem from religion, many similarities find their expression in religion. Learn about several world religions and the way each understands the world and influences its adherents.

REL 2050.40 - Religions of Asia - CH/G
Online
This course introduces the four major Eastern religions of South Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. We will study these religions' sacred texts, rituals, practices, histories, cultural institutions and narrative traditions. The course is designed to familiarize students with the key analytic categories in religious studies and the indigenous categories of the four Eastern religions. Through these perspectives, students will gain a deeper understanding of religion-as-lived, imagined, and experienced in the South Asia.

REL 2080.01 - Holocaust - CH
Messinger
MWF 9:00-9:50am
This course introduces students to the books of the Old Testament and people whose way of life they describe. Pays particular attention to religion of the Israelites, their history and culture. Focuses on different historical circumstances in which the books were written.

REL 2110.01 - Old Testament Introduction - CI
Flescher
TR 9:35-10:50am
Introduces students to the books of the Old Testament and people whose way of life they describe. Pays particular attention to religion of the Israelites, their history and culture.

REL 2250.40 - American Religion 1 (to 1865) - CH, D
Newell
Online
Traces the history of religion in America through the Civil War. We will pay particular attention to the intertwining of religion and colonialism, the tension between emerging Protestant hegemony and religious pluralism, and the role religion has played in justifying oppression and pursuing liberty in American history. Cross-listed with Hist 2250.

REL 2315.40 - History of Non-West Religions - CH/G
Grether
Online
This course examines what Buddhism is about in the context of its doctrines and teachings, texts, practices, communities of practitioners, material and visual cultures; historical, institutional, and socio-political developments; and its migrations to the West. While this course addresses questions of what Buddhism believes and how Buddhism is practiced, it concentrates on questions of how Buddhist concepts and practices shape and constitute Buddhist worlds of meaning. Cross-listed with HIST 2315.

REL 2410.01 - Varieties of Non-Belief - CI
Fall/Downs
TR 2:45-4:00pm
A broad, chronological survey of different types of non-belief, primarily from the Renaissance onwards. It examines critiques by philosophers, politicians, poets, and novelists aiming to understand the objections to religion and analyzing how these objections shaped the modern religious landscape and the way we understand religion itself.

REL 2500.01 - Tp: Islam in the Modern World
Ward
TR 11:00-12:15pm
How does Islam interact with Modernity? This course extends beyond violent Islamists in the news to study Islam in America and Europe as well as in traditionally-Islamic lands, seeking to understand contemporary trends and movements among the worlds Muslims.

REL 3220.01 - Modern Middle East
Ward
TR 1:20-2:35pm
Surveys the Middle East from 1790 to the present. Emphasizes the demise of the Ottoman Empire, the rise of domination by European colonial powers, transformations in political, social, religious and cultural life, the rise of nationalist movements, the influence of oil, the growth of Islamist political groups and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Cross-listed with HIST 3220.

REL 3230.01 - Early Christianity
Utterback
MW 3:10-4:25pm
This course goes into the origins of the Christian Church, from its beginnings as a small sect of Judaism until its emergence as that only stable institution remaining after the fall of the Roman Empire in 476. During this period Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire, first as a persecuted minority, and eventually as state religion, and at the same time it developed its theological foundations and institutional structures that have shaped Christianity up to the present. Cross-listed with HIST 3230.

REL 3240.01 - Reformation Christianity
Utterback
T 2:45-5:15pm
The world in which church reformers in the late middle ages, and particularly the question of authority, led to the rupture of the medieval church into many denominations, a fragmentation that has accelerated ever since into thousands of denominations currently. The Reformation brought Wars of Religion, whose brutality led to the loss of importance of religion. In the 18th century the Enlightenment further changed the place of religion in European, and later North American, life. Cross-listed with HIST 3240.

REL 3260.40 - African Spirits in New World - CH, G
Keller
Online
Begins with Yoruba roots in Africa travels with the African Diaspora focusing on spirit possession in Haitian Vodou, Cuban Santeria, Jamaican Revival Zion, Jamaican Rastafarianism, Brazilian Candomble, and "Black Church" in the United States using ethnography and postcolonial theory of religious studies. Cross-listed with AAST 4100.

REL 4100.40 - African American Religious Culture - D, WC
Keller
Online
This mid-level writing-intensive seminar examines African American religious celebration, primarily in the context of Afro-Christianity, but touching on Islam, Candomble, "Voodoo," Santeria, and Rastafarianism.

REL 4113.40 - Medieval Religious Dissent
Online
Religious dissent in the Middle Ages included what we would call heresy, but also encompasses such marginal groups as Jews and witches. Examines development of orthodoxy and persecution of religious diversity between eleventh and 16th centuries within the historical context of the times. Cross-listed with HIST 4113/HIST 5113.

REL 4500.01 - Tp: Varieties- Ancient Judaism
Flescher
TR 1:20-2:35pm
How have religious beliefs and practices shaped and been shaped by ideas about gender throughout American history? How have people used gender and religion to express inter-group hostility? How have class, race, and ethnicity affected gender and the practice of religion?

REL 4500.02 - Tp: Beyond Life & Death
Palmer
M 6:00-8:45pm
This course charts the way to see life and death as "natural" and as part of very diverse religions. It explores ethics for sustaining life and appropriate beyond-life understandings from Native American, Christian, and Jewish thought. It offers ways to integrate Kubler-Ross' stages of significant loss.

REL 4500.05 - Tp: Moses, Jesus, Muhammad
Ward
T 6:00-8:45pm
As "founders" of the religious communities of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, these remarkable leaders left a broad mark on the history and philosophy of humanism. Examine each one's biography within historical context, in sacred literature and "sacred histories," in scholarly debate and popular culture. Explore several perspectives to illuminate how the narratives about each have shaped our world.

REL 4500.80 - Tp: Women & Islam
Kamp
R 7:00-9:50pm
Video Conferencing
Cross-lists with HIST 4500.80
Contact instructor for further information.