Religious Studies
Course Offerings – Spring 2018

RELI 1000-01 Introduction to Religion - CHG <> H (Meets Non-Western Certification for A&S; A&S Core Global) Fall
1:10-2:35 pm TR
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.

RELI 1000-40-41 Introduction to Religion – CHG <> H Neely
Online Refer to on-campus course description.

RELI 1101-01 FYS: Worlds of Religion – <> FY Fall
1:30-3:30 pm TR
9:35-11:00 am TR
For the impact of religion on society, from the ancient past to modern cultures, from America in Asia and back. Understand how religions continue to shape the world in which we live.

RELI 2200-01 Contemporary American Religion – CHD <> C2 (A&S Core Diversity) Heise
MWF
11:00-11:50 am
The U.S. is home to more world religions and to more varieties of these religions than any other nation on the planet. Examine how the U.S. has shaped these religions and the impact these religions have had on U.S. society and culture.

RELI 2252-40 American Religious History 2 - CHD <> H (A&S Core Diversity) Heise
Online Traces American religious history from the Civil War through World War II. Focuses on how race/ethnicity, class, gender, and national origin affected religions, and explores how Americans used religion in oppressing and liberating people, making and ending difference; and exporting values abroad as well as reforming society at home.

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RELI 2320-01 History of Islam- CHG <> C2 (A&S Core Global) Ward
TR
1:20-2:35 pm
The Media gives the impression of Islam as a religion of "angry young men" who hate. Learn how Islam is a religion of love of God and family, as well as respect for others. Learn how Islam has been practiced through time and what events shaped it. (XL: HIST 2320)

RELI 2410-01 Varieties of Non-Belief – CH <> Fall
2:45-4:00 pm TR
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 their objections to religion and analyzing how these objections shaped the modern religious landscape and the way we understand religion itself.

RELI 2410-02 Varieties of Non-Belief – CH <> H Downs
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RELI 2500.40 Bible as Lit – Nye Online
MW
3:10-4:25 pm
Archaeological excavations have brought to light the world of the ancient Israelites of the Old Testament. Discover what the Bible left out and how these finds increase our knowledge of the people described in the world’s most read book.

RELI 3110-01 Bible and Archaeology – Flesher
MW
3:10-4:25 pm
This course deals with the special status of the Bible as a sacred text and its profound influence on our culture. We learn techniques of literary close reading, the history of text and translation, the religion of discourse and story, narratives of rule and influence, the culture and politics of the ancient Hebrews as a difficult people centered on a book: a law, and how these all affect modes of interpretation.

RELI 3320-01 Early Christianity – Utterback
TR
2:45-4:00 pm
Considers the development of the Christian religion from a small Jewish sect to its place as the official religion of the Roman Empire and beyond. It examines the development of creeds, doctrines, and institutions, placing them within their historical context. (XL: HIST3230)

RELI 3326-40 African Spirits in the New World – CHG <> H (A&S Core Global) Keller
Online Begins with Yoruba roots in Africa and travels with the African Diaspora focusing on spirit possession in Haitian Vodou, Cuban Santeria, Jamaican Rastafarianism, Brazilian Candomble, and "Black Church" in the United States using ethnography and postcolonial theory of religious studies. (XL: AAST 3260)

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RELI 3320-40 Eastern Thought – Grether
Online Examines the development of major concepts found in Zoroastrian, Hindu, Gnostic, Buddhist, and Taoist sacred texts. Themes include selfhood, soteriology, ontology, epistemology, and eschatology, especially as they develop along the Silk Road. (XL: PHIL3210)

RELI 3400-01 Religion in American West – CHG <> (A&S Core Diversity) Heise
MWF
9:00-9:50 am
People have conceived of the American West as exile and Promised Land, as New Babylon and New Jerusalem. This course examines the complexity of a place that has been not only the west, but also the north (to Hispanics coming from New Spain and then Mexico); to the south (to the people on the Mexican frontier); and to the east (to Asian immigrants crossing the Pacific). And, of course, the center (to Native Americans who had lived in the region for centuries).

RELI 4100-40 African American Religious Culture – DWC <> Keller
Online This mid-level writing-intensive seminar compares African American religion, primarily in the context of Afro-Christianity, but touching on Islam, Candomble, "Voodoo," Santeria, and Rastafarianism. (XL: AAST 4100)

RELI 4160-01 Moses, Jesus & Muhammad - CH <> Ward
11:00-12:15 pm TR
As "founders" of the religious communities of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, these remarkable leaders left a broad mark on the history and philosophy of humankind. 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.

RELI 4960.01 International Field Course: China J-Term 2018 Utterback
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Visit temples in Chine and Hong Kong, Macau and Xi'an, and learn how this ancient civilization has developed and incorporated indigenous and imported religions over 5000 years. We will visit ancient and modern sites, learn about the role religious culture plays in China, and not least the site of the Terra Cotta Warriors, a World Heritage site near Xi'an. Contact Dr. Utterback for more information: autterback@uwy.edu

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