## Religious Studies
### Course Offerings - Summer 2011

**RELI 1000-01**  
**Introduction to Religion** – meets Non-Western for A&S  
Fall  
**MTWR 1:35-3:45pm**  
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.  
5/16 – 6/12

**RELI 2040-01**  
**Mid-East Religions: Travel Abroad to Israel**  
Ward  
**Approx. travel dates 5/29-6/12**  
Travel Abroad for credit or interest. Introduces students and participants to religions, history & modern leaders. Visit historic and sacred sites. Study 3 major religions: Judaism, Christianity & Islam. Prepare w/15 hrs intensive pre-travel seminars, readings & research, 2 weeks of travel, & an optional 3rd week (at extra cost). For more info call International Programs at 766-3679.

**RELI 2225-40**  
**History of Christianity**  
Azar  
**Online**  
In its 2000-year history, Christianity has grown from a persecuted sect of Judaism whose leader was executed as a criminal to the largest religion in the world. Study its rise from obscurity to dominance, its attempts to maintain that dominance through many centuries, and its struggles.  
(Cross-listed with Hist2225)

**RELI 2320-40**  
**History of Islam**  
Ward  
**Online**  
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.

**RELI 4500-01**  
**Sacred Ground**  
Palmer  
**MTWR 6:00 – 9:00 pm**  
This course focuses on the meaning of “the land.” It offers understandings of the earth from a variety of religious traditions. “On Sacred Ground” begins in the insights of a biologist and continues in the contemplative tradition. It presents a diversity of voices including Native American visionaries, English poets, Buddhist monks, and American authors. The course is rooted in the values that religion brings to see the beauty of life and to understand humankind as part of a greater whole. No prerequisites. Visits to sacred sites.

**RELI 4500-02**  
**Eastern Thought** – meets Non-Western for A&S  
Devlin  
**MTWR 5:20 – 8:00 pm**  
Take a journey to the East and explore the central philosophies and religions of Asia, as we examine four particular religions – Hinduism, Theravada Buddhism, Taoism, and Mahayana Buddhism – and focus on the philosophical significance of these religions. Class discussions will stress analysis of readings and important philosophical concepts that arise from our Eastern exploration and how they apply to our lives at home in the West. Crosslisted with PHIL 3320

**RELI 4500-03**  
**Travel to Indonesia**  
Utterback  
**Approx. travel dates 6/20 – 7/5**  
Expand your horizons! Study four of the world’s major religions in Java and Bali, Indonesia, by staying with families and in villages of different faiths, and by visiting major cultural sites, such as the Sultan’s Mosque and palace, the Buddhist stupa at Borobudur, the Hindu temple at Ubud, a Javanese Christian church. Learn to plant rice and make batik.  
The tour includes an optional one-week extension in Hong Kong, where we will learn about religions and culture, Eastern and Western, in one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. In addition to different types of religious sites, we will have time to relax on the beach, see the giant pandas and shop both at street markets and in some of the largest and most upscale malls in the world.

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Major and Minor information can be found on the Religious Studies web site at: [http://www.uwyo.edu/RELSTDS/](http://www.uwyo.edu/RELSTDS/)  
or by contacting the Program of Religious Studies at 766-3204, Ross Hall, Room 162