

RELI 1000-01	Introduction to Religion – CH, G, Non-Western	Fall
MWF 9:00-9:50 am	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 1000-40-43	Introduction to Religion – CH, G, Non-Western	Outreach
Online	Refer to on-campus course description.	
RELI 2050-40	Religions of Asia – CH, G, Non-Western	DeNapoli
Online	This course introduces the four major Eastern religions of South Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. The course is designed to familiarize students with the key analytic categories in religious studies and the indigenous categories of the four Eastern religions.	
RELI 2110-01	Introduction to the Old Testament – CH	Flesher
TR 9:35-10:50 am	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.	
RELI 2200-01	Contemporary American Religion – CH, D	Newell
MWF 11:00-11:50 am	The U.S. is home to more world religions and to more versions of those 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 2410-01	Varieties of Non-Belief in the Western World – CH	Fall/Downs
TR 2:45-4:00 pm	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 2500-01	Topics: Qur'an-Islamic Literature in Translation – Non-Western	Ward
TR 1:20-2:35 pm	Read Islam's Holy Book and its religious literature—rich in tradition, history, law, and ethics. In today's world, an appreciation of Muslim literature is crucial for understanding not only Middle Eastern military movements, but discourse about religion, freedom and culture in Europe and America. Appropriate for Arabic students but no knowledge of Arabic is necessary.	
RELI 2500-02	Topics: The Bible as Literature	Nye
TR 9:35-10:50 am	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 relation of doctrine and story, narrative style and literary form, the culture and politics of the ancient Mideast, the emergence of the Hebrews as a distinct people centered on a book—a law—and how these all affect modes of interpretation. <i>Cross-listed with: ENGL 2170.</i>	
RELI 3220-40	Modern Middle East – G, Non-Western	Ward
Online	Surveys the Middle East from 1700 to 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. <i>Cross-listed with: HIST 3220.</i>	
RELI 3240-01	Reformation Christianity	Utterback
MW 3:10-4:25 pm	Learn about church reform in the late middle ages that led to the rupture of the medieval church into many denominations along with the Wars of Religion and the Enlightenment. <i>Cross-listed with: HIST 3240.</i>	
RELI 3260-40	African Spirits in the New World – CH, G, Non-Western	Keller
Online	Begins with Yoruba roots in Africa and travels with the African Diaspora focusing on spirit possession in Haitian Vodou, Cuban Santería, Jamaican Revival Zion, Jamaican Rastafarianism, Brazilian Candomblé, and “Black Church” in the United States using ethnography and postcolonial theory of religious studies. <i>Cross-listed with: AAST 3260.</i>	
RELI 3340-01	Mysticism, Yoga and Enlightenment – Non-Western	DeNapoli
TR 11:00 am - 12:15 pm	This course explores the history, sacred texts, personalities, and practices of Hindu and Buddhist mysticism(s) in India. In this course, we will examine the mystical systems of yoga and tantra. We will also investigate the position of women in Hindu and Buddhist mystical traditions, and the extents to which these systems enabled women to empower themselves in society.	
RELI 4100-40	African American Religious Culture – WC, D	Keller
Online	This mid-level writing-intensive seminar compares African American religious celebration, primarily in the context of Afro-Christianity, but touching on Islam, Candomblé, “Voodoo,” Santería, and Rastafarianism. <i>Cross-listed with: AAST 4100.</i>	
RELI 4113-40	Medieval Religious Dissent	Abraham
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 11 th and 16 th centuries within the historical context of the times.	
RELI 4500-01	Topics: Christianity Since Darwin	Utterback
T 2:45-5:15 pm	The period between the mid-nineteenth century and today have brought both the scientific study of religion and the divergence between religion and science. The interactions of religion, history and science form the basis of this course.	
RELI 4500-02	Topics: Religion and American Women Writers	Forbes/Newell
TR 11:00 am-12:15 pm	Studying literature by a variety of nineteenth-century women, ranging from reclusive poet Emily Dickinson to polygamous Mormon poet Eliza R. Snow, best selling novelist Harriet Beecher Stowe to African American preacher Jarena Lee, we will consider how religion shaped women's writing in the U.S., and vice-versa. <i>Cross-listed with: ENGL 4640, AADS 4990, GWST 4500.</i>	
RELI 4500-03	Topics: Judaism – Dawn of Christianity	Flesher
W 6:00-8:30 pm	Judaism provided the crucible for the start of Christianity in first-century Galilee and Judea. This course begins by investigating the character of Judaism at that time. Centuries later Christianity returns to Palestine to transform it into the Christian “Holy Land,” despite the presence of a majority Jewish population. How does Judaism adapt to this ascendant and powerful new religion.	
RELI 4500-04	Topics: Mysticism and Law – Judaism and Islam	Ward
TR 11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Explore Shari'a and Kabbalah, so crucial to contemporary concerns in the Middle East—and in Detroit, Los Angeles and New York! Learn about the history and spiritual ramifications of mystic and legal approaches to Religion, while studying ancient prophets and jurists, poets and philosophers such as Rabia, Rumi and Maimonides—and Madonna, Sufis and the Islamic State.	
RELI 4500-04	Topics: Beyond Life and Death	Palmer
M 6:00-8:45 pm	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. No prerequisites.	