

# Religious Studies

## Course Offerings – Spring 2018

<b>RELI 1000-01</b>	<b>Introduction to Religion</b> – CHG <> H (Meets Non-Western Certification for A&S; A&S Core Global)	Fall
TR 1:10-2:35 pm	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.	
<b>RELI 1000-40-41</b>	<b>Introduction to Religion</b> – CHG <> H	Neely
Online	Refer to on-campus course description.	
<b>RELI 1101-01</b>	<b>FYS: Worlds of Religion</b> – <> FY	Flesher
TR 9:35-11:00 am	Explore the impact of religions on society, from the ancient past to modern cultures, from America to Asia and back. Understand how religions continue to shape the world in which we live.	
<b>RELI 2200-01</b>	<b>Contemporary American Religion</b> - 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 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.	
<b>RELI 2252-40</b>	<b>American Religious History 2</b> - CHD <> H (A&S Core Diversity)	Heise
Online	Traces American religious history from the Civil War through WWII. Focuses on how race/ethnicity, class, gender, and national origin affected religion, and explores how Americans used religion in oppressing and liberating people, making and erasing difference; and exporting values abroad as well as reforming society at home.	
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<b>RELI 2320-01</b>	<b>History of Islam</b> - 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)	
<b>RELI 2410-01</b>	<b>Varieties of Non-Belief</b> – CH <> H	Fall
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.	
<b>RELI 2410-02</b>	<b>Varieties of Non-Belief</b> – CH <> H	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.	
<b>RELI 2500.40</b>	<b>Bible as Lit</b>	Nye
Online	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.	
<b>RELI 3110-01</b>	<b>Bible and Archaeology</b>	Flesher
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.	
<b>RELI 3220-40</b>	<b>Modern Middle East</b> – G <> (A&S Core Global)	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. (XL: HIST 3220)	
<b>RELI 3230-01</b>	<b>Early Christianity</b>	Utterback
TR 2:45-4:00	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)	
<b>RELI 3260-40</b>	<b>African Spirits in the New World</b> – 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 Santería, Jamaican Revival Zion, Jamaican Rastafarianism, Brazilian Candomblé, and "Black Church" in the United States using ethnography and postcolonial theory of religious studies. (XL: AAST 3260)	
<b>RELI 3260-41</b>	<b>African Spirits in the New World</b> – CHG <> H	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. (XL: AAST 3260)	
<b>RELI 3320-40</b>	<b>Eastern Thought</b>	Grether
Online	Examines the development of major concepts found in Zoroastrian, Hindu, Gnostic, Buddhist, and Taoist sacred texts. Themes include selfhood, soteriology, apotheosis, eschatology, and cosmic dualisms; especially as they develop along the Silk Road. (XL: PHIL3320)	
<b>RELI 3400-01</b>	<b>Religion in American West</b> – 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 religious history of the complicated place that has been not only the west, but also the north (to Hispanics coming from New Spain and then Mexico); the south (to Russians moving down the coast from Alaska), the east (to Asian immigrants crossing the Pacific), and, of course, the center (to Native Americans who had lived in the region for centuries).	
<b>RELI 4100-40</b>	<b>African American Religious Culture</b> – DWC <>	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. (XL: AAST 4100)	
<b>RELI 4160-01</b>	<b>Moses, Jesus &amp; Muhammad</b> - CH <>	Ward
TR 11:00-12:15 pm	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.	
<b>RELI 4960.01</b>	<b>International Field Course: China</b>	J-Term 2018
J-Term 2018	Visit 3 unique Chinese Cities, 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: <a href="mailto:utterbeck@uwyo.edu">utterbeck@uwyo.edu</a> .	Utterback