COMPARATIVE RELIGION PROGRAM

SPRING 2019 COURSES
A Life Worth Living: Meaning, Morals & Money
RELIG 101
MTWTh 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
James Wellman
5 credits
What makes a life worth living? Using religious and humanistic traditions, each student will grapple with what makes life meaningful. We will study moral traditions that challenge us to bring forth the courage that it takes to be who we are and to live a life that matters. This course helps students to develop and find their calling. It challenges and inspires students to create a Master Life Plan and a strategy to make it happen.

Greek & Roman Religion
RELIG 445 / CLAS 445
MW 9:30 - 11:20 a.m.
Alexander Hollmann
5 credits
Religion in the social life of the Greeks and Romans, with emphasis placed on their public rituals and festivals. Attention is given to the priesthoods, personal piety, rituals of purification and healing, and the conflict of religions in the early Roman Empire. Many lectures illustrated by slides.

Gender, Sex, & Religion
RELIG 334 / 534
MW 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.
Mika Ahuvia
5 credits
The interpreters of the Bible shaped the gendered categories and hierarchies that many readers take for granted today. In this class, students are invited to explore debates about these categories within ancient texts, within scholarship, and within society. To analyze biblical stories and their legacy in Judaism and Christianity, we will employ academic approaches from the fields of Bible and literary criticism, history, anthropology, sociology, archaeology as well as gender and feminist studies.

Creation Myths & Early Christianity
RELIG 412 (TEXTUAL CANON)
MW 9:30 - 11:20 a.m.
Michael Williams
5 credits
Study of alternative views, from early centuries of the Christian religion, regarding the origin of the cosmos and its implications for human behavior and ultimate values. Examination of documents often classified as ‘gnostic’ and their significance for the development of Christianity.

Religion & Globalization: A Comparative Perspective
RELIG 502 (GRADUATE)
W 2:30 - 4:20 p.m.
James Wellman
5 credits
Anthropological approaches to religious experience and belief with emphasis on conceptual issues such as ritual, symbolism, identity, ecstatic experience, and revitalization movements in the context of globalization. Also addresses the diversity of religious expression in American culture and how that compares with other societies.

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Colloquium in Comparative Religion
RELIG 598 (GRADUATE)
W 5:20 - 7:20 p.m.
James Wellman
credit/no credit only
Required colloquium for graduate students in comparative religion program. Introduction to faculty research and to major methods and disciplines in the study of religion. Credit/no-credit only.