Introduction to Judaism
RELIG 145 / JEW ST 145
TTH 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.
Mika Ahuvia
5 credits
Explores Judaism’s sacred texts, holidays, and beliefs. Addresses Judaism’s impact on society, culture, and politics. Through the lens of the Jewish experience, grapples with fundamental questions about the role of individuals and members of larger communities in an increasingly multicultural, religious, and interconnected world.

Introduction to Muslim Beliefs & Practices
RELIG 211 / NEAR E 230
TTH 3:30 – 5:20 p.m.
Terri DeYoung
5 credits
Examines the origins and development of central beliefs in various Muslim traditions; such as monotheism, prophecy, divine judgment, and predestination. Looks at ritual and socio-cultural practices in Muslim societies in Asia, Africa, and Europe.

The Biblical Prophets
RELIG 315 / NEAR E 305
MW 1:30 – 2:50 p.m.
Gary Martin
5 credits
Explores the Biblical prophets (in translation) within their Near Eastern context. Historicity, literary and rhetorical sophistication, and ideological agendas. Seeks to uncover the meaning and distinctiveness of Israelite prophecy within the context of the larger Near East. No knowledge of the Bible required.

Introduction to World Religions: Eastern Traditions
RELIG 202
TTH 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.
David Fowler
5 credits
History of religions, concentrating on religions that have developed in South Asia and East Asia. Primary attention to Hinduism and Buddhism; other important Asian religions are discussed in relation to them, with emphasis on basic conceptual and symbolic structures.

Comparative Religious Nationalisms
RELIG 490 / 590 (SPECIAL TOPICS)
TH 2:30 – 5:20 p.m.
James Wellman
5 credits
This course is for advanced undergraduates and graduate students in religion, politics, international studies, sociology and other fields related to understanding the relation between religion and national identity. The course studies the theory and empirical reality of how religions are used to solidify and dominate national identity and political movements. Each student will choose their own country to research and write on related to the issue of religious nationalism.

Introduction to the New Testament
RELIG 220
MW 9:30 – 11:20 a.m.
Michael Williams
5 credits
Introduction to the writings in the New Testament, their nature and origins as explored in modern scholarly research, and the first decades of the Christian religion.

Comparative Religion
RELIG 321 / ANTH 321
TTH 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.
Radhika Govindrajan
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.

Theorizing Religion
Approaches to the Study of Religion
RELIG 501 (GRADUATE)
T 1:00 – 3:50 p.m.
Sarah Gallant
5 credits
Covers the major approaches to modern scholarship in the study of religion, which includes multiple approaches from history, phenomenology, anthropology, sociology, psychology, gender and sexuality studies, Marxism, and political theory. Class discusses which theories are most helpful in describing, understanding and explaining religion, enabling students to prepare their own research.
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<td>History of Jewish-Muslim Relations</td>
<td>JEW ST / HSTAFM 459 / 559</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>TTH 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.</td>
<td>Liora Halperin</td>
<td>Topics include Jews’ and Muslims’ linked encounters with empire, westernization, and nationalism; Jewish culture and identity in Islamic contexts migration and diasporic identities; the impact of Zionism, European Jewish settlement in Palestine, and the State of Israel on Jewish-Muslim relations in the Middle East and beyond; Islamophobia and antisemitism.</td>
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<td>Greek &amp; Roman Mythology</td>
<td>CLAS 430</td>
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<td>MWF 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.</td>
<td>Sarah Stroup</td>
<td>Principal myths found in classical and later literature.</td>
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<td>Indian Philosophical Literature</td>
<td>ASIAN 225</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>MW 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.</td>
<td>Prem Pahlajrai</td>
<td>Introduction to various topics pertaining to the vast philosophical literature of India, such as its origins and contexts, dharma; karma and free will; logic and argument. A variety of systems from Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, theistic, and non-theistic schools are covered. Taught in English.</td>
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<td>Colloquium in Comparative Religion</td>
<td>RELIG 598</td>
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<td>W 5:30 - 7:20 p.m.</td>
<td>James Wellman</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Survey of Western Art - Ancient</td>
<td>ART H 201</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>MWF 1:00 - 2:20 p.m.</td>
<td>Sarah Levin-Richardson</td>
<td>Major achievements in painting, sculpture, architecture, and the decorative arts in Europe, the Near East, and North Africa, from prehistoric times to the beginnings of Christianity.</td>
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<td>Introduction to the Silk Road</td>
<td>JSIS A 268 / NEAR E 268</td>
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<td>TTH 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.</td>
<td>Talant Mawkanuli</td>
<td>Introduces students to the Silk Road as a site of cultural exchange between peoples, and of political, economic, and intellectual exchange between regions and continents. Themes include ecology, empire, ethnicity, language, religion, and the arts. Considers the Silk Road as a forerunner and symbol of modern globalization.</td>
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<td>Political Islam &amp; Islamic Fundamentalism</td>
<td>JSIS B 526 / ANTH 526</td>
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<td>TH 11:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.</td>
<td>Cabeiri Robinson</td>
<td>Examines political Islam as a modern phenomenon produced at the intersections between localized and globalized political cultures and between political, religious, and social authority. Focuses on anthropological studies to examine how Islamic publics produce moral judgments about political practices.</td>
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<td>Religion, Politics &amp; International Conflict</td>
<td>JSIS 541</td>
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<td>M 2:20 - 5:50 p.m.</td>
<td>Jim Wellman</td>
<td>Covers global issues of religion, politics and internationals conflicts as they relate to question of fundamentalism, nationalism and terror. Investigates fundamentalism as a response to globalization and modernization. Reviews connections between religious violence and international relations, human security and global security.</td>
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RELIG 202 - Introduction to World Religions: Eastern Traditions (5 credits)

INSTRUCTOR: David Fowler
TIME: TTh 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.
TERM: Autumn 2019
LOCATION: THOMSON 119

This course aims to increase religious literacy and deepen cross-cultural understanding by introducing students to the beliefs and practices of the religions of South, Southeast, and East Asia. The course will emphasize Hindu and Buddhist traditions, but will also include discussion of Jain, Sikh, Islamic, Confucian, Taoist, and Shinto traditions. Students will learn the worldviews associated with these religions and how society and individuals play meaningful roles within them, including how each religion understands the goal of human existence. The course will include analysis of sacred narratives, philosophical literature, art & architecture, & ritual performance (among others). Emphasis will be given to understanding how these traditions interact, co-exist, and compete in dynamic cultural contexts.

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