

Introduction to World Religions: Western Traditions

RELIG 201

M T W Th 12:30 - 1:20 p.m.

Mika Ahuvia

5 credits

History of religions, concentrating on religious traditions that have developed west of the Indus. Primary attention to the Semitic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) and to their ancient world background with emphasis on basic conceptual and symbolic structure.

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible: Old Testament

RELIG 240 / NEAR E 202

MW 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Gary Martin

5 credits

Examines the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) in translation and its relationship with literatures of ancient Near East. Comparisons drawn between Biblical text and literary works of Canaan, Egypt, Greece, Mesopotamia. Emphasis on the sophisticated literary techniques employed by Biblical writers. Cannot be taken for credit if credit earned in NEAR E 240. Offered: jointly with NEAR E 202.

Religion and World Politics

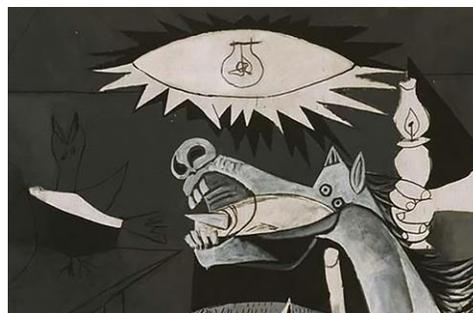
RELIG 307 / POL S 307

T Th 11:30 - 12:50 p.m.

Tony Gill

5 credits

Explores the intersection of religion and politics in various regions of the world, including the United States, Europe, Middle East, Latin America, and other regions. Presents an historical perspective on religion alongside contemporary issues in religion, politics, and church-state relations.



Hinduism

RELIG 352

MW 10:30 - 12:20 p.m.

Instructor TBA

5 credits

Varieties of Hindu religious practice; the diverse patterns of religious thought and action among contemporary Hindus. Includes ritual behavior, village Hinduism, tantrism, sadhus, yoga, sects, the major gods and their mythologies, religious art, and the adjustments of Hinduism to modernity.

Theories in the Study of Religion

RELIG 380 / CHID 380

M W 3:30 - 5:20 p.m.

Instructor TBA

5 credits

Provides a variety of approaches to the study of religion centered on examining the relationship between religion and modernity in the tradition of post-enlightenment, Euro-American scholarship. Examines theories of religion across disciplines: history, anthropology, sociology, Marxism, feminism, postmodernism, political theology, and Freudian psycho-analytical theory.



Emerging Christian Religion

RELIG 408

M W 10:30 - 12:20 p.m.

Michael Williams

5 credits

Focus on the formative period of what would become the 'Christian religion', 100-300 CE. Exploration of diversity in doctrines and practices including those viewed as 'orthodox' and those viewed as 'heretical.'

Religion in Comparative Perspective

RELIG 502

Th 3:30 - 6:20 p.m.

Michael Williams

5 credits

Analysis of selected theme or symbols in relation to several different religious traditions. Topics vary. Prerequisite: admission to the comparative religion MAIS program or permission of instructor.

Special Topics in Religion: Religion and US Foreign Policy

RELIG 590

W F 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Instructor TBA

5 credits

Offered occasionally by visitors or resident faculty. Course content varies.

Colloquium in Comparative Religion

RELIG 598

M 5:30 - 7:20 p.m.

James Wellman

1 credit

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.