



SUMMER 2019 COURSES

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COMPARATIVE RELIGION PROGRAM



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Religion & World Politics

RELIG 307 / POL S 307

TTH 2:20 - 4:30 p.m.

Paige Sechrest

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.

Religion, Violence, & Peace: Patterns Across Time and Tradition

RELIG 205 / HUM 205 / NEAR E 285

TTH 9:30 - 11:50 a.m.

Megan Ward

5 credits

Investigates the complex relationship between violence and peace in a variety of religious traditions. Examines case studies from the ancient Near East, medieval East Asia, and the contemporary West from the standpoint of lived experiences and contemporary theories derived from several academic disciplines.



Introduction to the Hebrew Bible: Old Testament

RELIG 240 / NEAR E 202

M 9:40 - 11:50 a.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.

Comparative Study of Death

RELIG 320 / ANTH 322

MTWTh 2:20 - 4:30 p.m.

5 credits

Death analyzed from a cross-cultural perspective. Topics include funerary practices, concepts of the soul and afterlife, cultural variations in grief, cemeteries as folk art, and medical and ethical issues in comparative context. American death practices compared to those of other cultures.

JSIS 205 – Religion, Violence, & Peace

INSTRUCTOR	Megan Ward
TIME	TTh 9:40 - 11:50
TERM	Summer 2019 (both A & B terms)
LOCATION	MOR 220

This course explores the complex relationship between various world religions, violence and peace as a central phenomenon that bridges the boundaries of academic disciplines, historical periods and global cultures. Using both historical and modern cases, the class investigates how different religions relate to violence, foster peace and resist power and persecution.

(5 credits)

