

Department of Religious Studies

Schedule of Classes

Spring 2007

Note: 900 sections are for distance education versions of REL courses.

Seats are limited and enrollment costs are slightly higher.

REL 100.001 Intro to Religious Studies

Jacobs, TR 12:30-1:45 ten Hour 30

REL 100.002 Intro to Religious Studies

Trost, MWF 10:00-10:50 MA 207

REL 100.003 Intro to Religious Studies

Marouan, TR 9:30-10:45 MA 207

REL 100.900 Intro to Religious Studies

Berry, Distance Education

Examines the function of religion in culture; as a Core humanities course, the goal is for all students to learn to define, describe, and compare in a non-evaluative manner so as to discover similarities and differences in various forms of human behavior considered to be "religious."

REL 105.001 Honors Intro Religious Studies

Murphy, W 3:00-5:40 MA 207

As the honors introduction to the academic study of religion, REL 105 examines in greater detail than REL 100 theories of the historic origin and contemporary social function of religion in relation to wider sets of human beliefs, social practices, institutions, and culture in general. Minimum 3.3 GPA required to register.

REL 110.901 Intro to Hebrew Bible

Berry, Distance Education

This course is an introduction to the books of the Hebrew Bible in their historical settings, with emphasis on textual analysis, literary forms, and their function and use in the past and present.

REL 112.901 Intro to New Testament

Berry, Distance Education

This course is an introduction to the ancient Hellenistic world as the matrix in which Christianity appeared. The course examines the traditions about Jesus that were variously framed and organized in the Gospels, and the writings of Paul.

REL 213.001 Sociology of Religion

McCutcheon, TR 11:00-12:15 MA 207

This course introduces students to the social function played by religion, myths, and rituals, focusing on the work of such classic theorists as Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, and Max Weber, but also studying more recent social theorists of religion.

REL 220.001 Survey of Asian Religions

Ramey, MWF 9:00-9:50 MA 207

This course examines Asian religious traditions in specific regional contexts. We will investigate Islam, Hinduism, and Sikhism in the context of India; Taoism, Confucianism, and Buddhism in Singapore; and Buddhism and Shinto in Japan. In each region, we will survey the texts, practices, and ideals of each tradition in the context of the complexity of contemporary life and inter-religious interactions.

REL 228.900 History of Christian Thought

Berry, Distance Education

This course is a survey of the major symbolic and theological orientations that have shaped the expression of Christianity in various social and historical contexts.

REL 234.001 Women and Religion

Schuber, MWF 1:00-1:50 MA 308

This course examines the ways that feminism has changed the world's religions, how they are studied, and future feminist agendas for them. Contributions of influential feminist thinkers, effects of feminist methodology on the study of religion, and the role and status of women in the history of religions are explored.

REL 237.001 African American Religious History and Fiction

Marouan, TR 12:30-1:45 MA 207

This course is an examination of the African American religious beliefs, practices, and institutions from the period of slavery to the present. While our approach will be historical, we will also examine literary fiction in order to illuminate the particular aspects of the African American religious experience.

REL 346.001 Lost Christianities

Green, M 3:00-5:40 MA 210

The course will examine a number of early Christian movements which did not make it into the "orthodox" fold. It will focus on their basic ideas, their social and political context, and the "scriptures" they produced. While it was once thought that the early church possessed a singular unity, that there was *one* Christianity from the first (as indeed the New Testament canon would lead us to believe), our study will show that there were many. Why didn't these

