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Course Offerings for Fall 2002

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 24: FRESHMAN SEMINAR**

Title: "The Gospel of John."

Instructor: Steven Justice, M 4-5, 106 Mulford, 1 unit

Topic: We will spend the entire semester on an extremely close reading this most difficult and mysterious of the Gospels. We will take it apart and put it back together again, speculating its intended audience, its purpose, its literary techniques, the problems and tensions it conceals; and possibly about its relations with other early Christian writings and the developments and difficulties in the early Christian movement.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77603

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90A: Introductory Topics in Religious Studies.**

Instructor: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, TuTh 12:30-2, 10 Evans, 4 units.

Topic: The Rg Veda

For centuries, Hinduism has traced its origins back to the sacred texts of the Vedas, of which the Rg Veda is the oldest and most important. The Rg Veda has also been a fundamental text for modern studies of early religion and mythology. What is the Rg Veda and what does it say? What is Vedic religion and what is its connection to Hinduism? We will read substantial portions of this fascinating and sometimes mysterious text in translation, along with scholarship on the nature of early Vedic religion and society, its interpretation and its current importance.

Students who have completed, or are currently enrolled in, Religious Studies 90A or 90B are eligible to declare the Religious Studies major.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77606

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES C109: Celtic Mythology and Oral Tradition**

Also cross-listed as Celtic Studies C168.

Instructor: Annalee Rejhon, TuTh 3:30-5, 340 Moffitt, 4 units

The course will introduce students to the pre-Christian beliefs of the Celtic and Indo-European worlds, to the historical narratives in which such beliefs are embedded, and to the methodology of investigating ancient and medieval belief systems.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77633

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES C119: The English Bible as Literature**

Also cross-listed as English C107

Introduction to the English Bible treated as a literary work

Instructor: Steven Goldsmith, TuTh 12:30-2, 120 Latimer, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77636

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 120A: Origins of Christianity**

**THIS CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED! IT WILL BE TAUGHT DURING SPRING 2003. (PLEASE NOTE THAT**

**SUSANNA ELM IS TEACHING RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190, SECTION 4 DURING FALL 2002.)**

Instructor: Susanna Elm, TuTh 12:30-2, 70 Evans, 4 units.

Prerequisites: Religious Studies 90A or 90B; History 4 or consent of instructor.

The early Jesus movement in its social and historical setting. Particular attention to the transformations of various Jewish religious concepts; traditions about Jesus; political and religious eschatology; Paul and his interpreters.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77639

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 120B: Origins of Christianity**

Instructor: Christopher Ocker, MW 4-6, 200 Wheeler, 4 units

This course will study the development of Christianity from the third century to the middle of the eighth century. What began as an obscure Jewish sect became, in this period, a religion with a rather consistent, if contested, set of core rituals, beliefs, and structures of authority spreading in all directions beyond the Mediterranean world. It played a particularly important role in Europe, as the tribal confederacies there adapted the religion of the late Roman empire. The course will introduce students to this history, paying close attention to the fourth and sixth centuries in the west. Students will work with sources in translation by Augustine, Boethius, Gregory the Great, Gregory of Tours, and others. COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77640

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES C124: The Renaissance and the Reformation**

Also cross listed as History C157.

Instructor: Randolph Starn, TuTh 12:30-2, 141 McCone, 4 units

European history from the fourteenth to the middle of the seventeenth century.

Political, social, and economic developments during this transitional period will be examined, together with the rise of Renaissance culture, and the religious upheavals of the sixteenth century.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77681

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES C134: Jewish Civilization: Middle Ages**

Also cross listed as History C175A and UGIS C154

Instructor: John Efron, TuTh 9:30-11, 182 Dwinelle, 4 units

This is the third course in a four-course sequence in the history of Jewish culture and civilization. It covers the middle ages and the early modern period, including kabbalah, medieval poetry, halakhic, ethical literature, Jewish philosophy, and the Italian Jewish renaissance.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77641

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES C165: Hindu Mythology**

Also cross listed as South Asian C 140

Instructor: Robert Goldman, MWF 11-12, 145 Dwinelle, 4 units

Literary and religious aspects of Hindu myths. Reading of selected mythological texts in translation.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77642

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES C182: Sociology of Religion**

Also cross-listed with Sociology C112

Instructor: Dawne Moon, MW 4-5:30, 170 Barrows, 4 units

The course will locate the place of religious consciousness in human action and then survey comparatively and historically the role that religion has played in human society. Will include a general theory of the nature of religious experience, religious symbolism, and the basis of religious community.

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77645

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies**

**Section 1: The End of the World: Narratives of World Creation and Destruction in Hinduism and Buddhism**

Through primary sources in translation and secondary sources, the seminar will examine traditional South Asian -particularly Hindu- ideas of world creation and destruction, as well as current expectations concerning

the arrival of a new age of the world. It will include comparisons to other traditions, especially in the context of present day millennial and New Age expectations. Although the seminar focuses on South Asian traditions, students with a research interest in other traditions are welcome.

Instructor: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, MW 2-4, 70 Evans, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77648

### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies**

#### **Section 2: Colonial/Postcolonial Studies**

**Students may not enroll in both Spanish 116 and Religious Studies 190, section 2 during Fall 2002.**

In studying colonial texts we inevitably bring into play our own particular historical consciousness, that is, our myths, prejudices, categories, understandings of objectivity and subjectivity, and a sense of being in the correct with respect of the beliefs of previous generations. We will read primary sources in conjunction with representative texts informed by postcolonial theory and subaltern studies. The point is not to celebrate these new approaches in academia but to gauge both their explanatory power and their epistemological limits. Our method will consist of first understanding the theory on its own terms and only then elaborate a critique. Ultimately, we must ask ourselves if theories developed on the colonization of Asia, the Middle East or Africa during the nineteenth-century are applicable to Latin America and its postcolonial experiences. This is an immense topic that would take us far from the colonial period, so here we will be concerned with the following five main categories: 1) America as discovery and invention; 2) Discourses of conquest, resistance and counter-insurgency; 3) The spiritual conquest; 4) Questioning the conquest; 5) Fiction in the colonial world. We will study representative texts from different genres: Relaciones, Chronicles, Letters, Epic Poetry, Lyrical Poetry, and Novel. We will not be exclusively concerned with written texts using the Latin alphabet but will also study other cultural artifacts as maps icons, and Native American writing systems. The Native-American chronicles will include texts written in alphabetic script as well as visual representations drawing elements from pre-Hispanic forms of iconic script. Particular attention will be paid to how these postconquest texts tend to subvert the function and the meaning of written discourse and pictorial perspective in Western culture, and thus to constitute forms of cultural survival. Students receiving credit in Religious Studies will be allowed to write their papers in English; reading competence and understanding of spoken Spanish is expected.

Instructor: José Rabasa, TuTh 11-12:30, 224 Wheeler, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77651

### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies**

**Section 3: The Origins of Religion: Archaeological and Anthropological Perspectives on the Earliest Religion**  
The religions of most societies include creation myths; perhaps uniquely the scientific creation myths of our society include an account of the origins of religion. This course will examine evolutionary theories of religion, both old and new, and the archaeological and anthropological evidence upon which they are based. We will look at both the recent ideas of anthropologists and archaeologists such as Boyer, Rappaport and Mithen, and the most influential of the earlier theories of scholars such as Tylor, Durkheim and Eliade. Such theories have been based primarily upon records of recent hunter-gather societies. We will examine, in particular, evidence relating to four themes - totemism, shamanism, cosmological structure, and their expression in art - in societies in four areas: the Australian Aborigines, the southern African San Bushmen, the Arctic Inuit, and the native Americans of the North Pacific coast. The only direct record of the earliest religion, however, is provided by archaeology, and we will examine archaeological evidence ranging from the fragmentary traces of Neanderthal symbolism to the magnificent painted caves and sculpture of Upper Palaeolithic Europe. Instructor: Chris Hayden, TuTh 3:30-5:00, 9 Evans, 4 units COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77654

### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies**

**Section 4: "Physicians and Priests" Ancient Medicine and Religion.**

The course will use a number of medical texts (Galen, Soranus) as well as philosophical and Christian texts in order to discuss the links between philosophy, medicine, healing, the demonic and the divine in the Late Antique world. Instructor: Susanna Elm, TuTh 12:30-2, 201 Haviland, 4 units COURSE CONTROL

NUMBER: 77656

**Courses approved for the METHODOLOGICAL REQUIREMENT of the Religious Studies Major:**

Anthropology 181, Middle East & Islam,  
Instructor: Stenfania Pandolfo, MWF 1-2, 160 Kroeber, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 02732

Near Eastern Studies 131: Aspects of Biblical Religion  
Instructor: Ron Hendel, TuTh 11-12:30, 175 Barrows, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61517

Sociology C112: Sociology of Religion  
Also cross-listed as Religious Studies C182.  
Instructor: Dawne Moon, MW 4-5:30, 170 Barrows, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 81777

Sociology 156: Thought Reform, Influence and Social Control  
Instructor: Richard Ofshe, TuTh 8-9:30, 1 Leconte, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 81843

Religious Studies 190, section 2: Colonial/Postcolonial Studies  
Instructor: José Rabasa, TuTh 11-12:30, 224 Wheeler, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77651

**Courses approved for the THEMATIC REQUIREMENT of the Religious Studies Major:**

Religious Studies 190, section 1: The End of the World: Narratives of World Creation and Destruction in  
Hinduism and Buddhism  
Instructor: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, MW 2-4, 70 Evans, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77648

Classics 121: Greek and Roman Religion  
Instructor: Anthony Bulloch, TuTh 12:30-2, 102 Moffitt, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 14757

Near Eastern Studies 131: Aspects of Biblical Religion  
Instructor: Ron Hendel, TuTh 11-12:30, 175 Barrows, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61517

South Asian C140: Hindu Mythology  
Also cross-listed as Religious Studies C165.  
Instructor: Robert Goldman, MWF 11-12, 101 Morgan, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84018

**Courses approved for the HINDUISM EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major**

Religious Studies 190, section 1: The End of the World: Narratives of World Creation and Destruction in  
Hinduism and Buddhism  
Instructor: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, MW 2-4, 70 Evans, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77648

South Asian C140: Hindu Mythology

Also cross-listed as Religious Studies C165

Instructor: Robert Goldman, MWF 11-12, 101 Morgan, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84018

South Asian 141: Religion in South India

Instructor: George Hart III, TuTh 9:30-11, 209 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84021

**Courses approved for the BUDDHIST EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:**

Religious Studies 190, section 1: The End of the World: Narratives of World Creation and Destruction in Hinduism and Buddhism

Instructor: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, MW 2-4, 70 Evans, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77648

Buddhism 181: Development of Buddhism in Asia

Instructor: TBA, TuTh 3:30-5, 183 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 21709

Philosophy 153: Chinese Philosophy

Instructor: TBA, TuTh 12:30-2, 50 Birge, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 67352

**Courses approved for the JUDAISM EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:**

History C175A: Jewish Civilization Middle Ages

Also cross listed as Religious Studies C134 and UGIS C154.

Instructor: John M Efron, TuTh 9:30-11, 182 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 39364

Near Eastern Studies 131: Aspects of Biblical Religion

Instructor: Ron Hendel, TuTh 11-12:30, 175 Barrows, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61517

**Courses approved for the ISLAM EMPHASIS of the RELIGIOUS STUDIES Major:**

Anthropology 181, Middle East & Islam,

Instructor: Stenfania Pandolfo, MWF 1-2, 160 Kroeber, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 02732

South and Southeast Asian Studies 120, section 1: Islam and Society in Southeast Asia

Instructor: Jeffrey Hadler, TuTh 1100 -1230 , 242 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 83109

**Courses approved for the CHRISTIANITY EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:**

Religious Studies 120B: Origins of Christianity

Instructor: Christopher Ocker, MW 4-6, 200 Wheeler, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77640

English 110: Medieval Literature

Instructor: Anne Middleton, TuTh 9:30-11, 130 Wheeler, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 28748

History 156A: History of Christian Thought, 200-600 A.D.  
Instructor: Gerard Caspary, TuTh 2-3:30, 83 Dwinelle, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 39322

History C157: The Renaissance and the Reformation  
Also cross listed as Religious Studies C124  
Instructor: Randolph Starn, TuTh 12:30-2, 141 McCone, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 39325

History 185A: History of Christianity: Beginnings to ca. 1250  
Instructor: Susanna Elm, TuTh 2-3:30, 240 Mulford, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 39379

Italian 130A: Dante's Inferno  
Instructor: Steven Botterill, TuTh 9:30-11, 200 Wheeler, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 47393

Rhetoric 138: Rhetoric and Literature Under the Roman Empire  
Instructor: Caroline Humfress, TuTh 12:30-2, 229 Dwinelle, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 77923

**OTHER RELATED COURSES:**

Anthropology C160: Forms of Folklore  
Also cross-listed with ISF C160.  
Instructor: Alan Dundes, TuTh 3:30-5, 1 Pimentel, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 02711

Classics 121: Greek and Roman Religion  
Instructor: Anthony Bulloch, TuTh 12:30-2, 102 Moffitt, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 14757

Native American Studies 151: Native American Philosophy  
Instructor: TBA, TuTh 2-3:30, 3106 Etcheverry, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61030

Native American Studies 190, section 1: Native American Spiritual Traditions  
Instructor: Gene Hightower, Fri., 2-5, 100 Wheeler, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61045

Peace and Conflict Studies 100: Peace Theories  
Instructor: Jerry Sanders, TuTh 2-3:30, 100 Wheeler, 3 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 66739

Peace and Conflict Studies 164A: Nonviolence  
Instructor: Michael Nagler, TuTh 11-12:30, 30 Wheeler, 3 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 66754

Philosophy 185: Heidegger  
Instructor: Hubert Dreyfus, TuTh 11-12:30, 308 Leconte, 4 units  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 67403

Scandinavian 165: Scandinavian Folklore  
Instructor: John Lindow, MWF 10-11, 102 Moffitt, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 78884

Sociology 156: Thought Reform, Influence and Social Control

Instructor: Richard Ofshe, TuTh 8-9:30, 1 Leconte, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 81843

Spanish 116: Colonial/Postcolonial Studies

**Students may not enroll in both Spanish 116 and Religious Studies 190, section 2 during Fall 2002.**

**Please note that students enrolling in the Religious Studies 190, Section 2 will be required to submit an extra paper. Spanish 116 does not satisfy the methods requirement of the Religious Studies major.**

Instructor: José Rabasa, TuTh 11-12:30, 224 Wheeler, 3 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 86283

**THE FOLLOWING LOWER DIVISION COURSES MAY BE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJORS:**

(THEY WILL NOT COUNT AS UNITS THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR OR MINOR.)

Asian Studies 10B: Introduction to Modern Asian Cultures

Instructor: TBA, TuTh 3:30-5, 101 Morgan, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 06503

Near Eastern Studies 10: Introduction to the Near East

Instructor: John Hayes, MWF 9-10,, 160 Krober, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 61415

Philosophy 7: Existentialism in Literature and Film

Instructor: Hubert L Dreyfus, TuTh 3:30-5, 145 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 67124

South Asian R5A: Great Books of India

Section 1: Instructor: TBA, MWF 10-11, 283 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84003

Section 2: Instructor: TBA, TuTh 8-9:30, 105 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84006

Section 3: Instructor: TBA, MWF 11-12, 105 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84009

Section 4: Instructor: TBA, TuTh 3:30-5, 228 Dwinelle, 4 units

COURSE CONTROL NUMBER: 84012

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