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All courses are 4 units unless otherwise noted

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90A: Introductory Topics in Religious Studies

Topic: Religion and its Monsters

This course is designed to introduce you to some major theoretical and methodological moves in the academic study of religion by exploring the complex and contradictory relation of religious thought and practice to order and chaos (in the West). The course divides into two sections: religiosity in the ancient Mediterranean and religiosity in the modern West. Themes addressed include the politics of creation narratives, suffering and historical trauma, science and secularization, as well as race. Our overarching purpose will be to analyze religion as a form of cultural memory. We will pay special attention to how 'older,' more traditional forms of religion interact with secularized forms of religiosity in the modern West.

<http://www.religiousstudies.unc.edu/aburlein/2101/Syllabi/2101syl-fall07.htm>

Instructor: Ann Burlein, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C133: Judaism in Late Antiquity

Also cross listed as Near Eastern Studies C 133. This class will examine the emergence and development of classical Judaism, its piety, institutions, thought, and literature

Instructor: Ronald Hendel, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C161: Religion in Early India

Also cross listed as South Asian C 161.

Designed as a two-semester sequence, these courses are an introduction to the religions that have their origin on the Indian subcontinent--Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, and tribal religions--as well as those that originated in other regions such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism. Organizing this material chronologically rather than teaching it by separate religious traditions facilitates comparisons and promotes an understanding not only of the differences among these religions but also some of their commonalities in philosophy, theology, and praxis.

Instructor: Kristi Wiley, Tu Th 9:30-11, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C165: Hindu Mythology

Also cross listed as South Asian C 140.

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

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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies

Section 1: Religion and Secularization

This course will introduce you to the work of Michel Foucault through his analysis of knowledge-power relations as a process of Christianization in depth (his phrase for the complex historical processes we dub 'secularization' and their complex dependence on forms of religiosity). We will start with a few essays in which Foucault sets out his notions of "pastoral power" and "governmentality," and then work chronologically

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through selections from the following key texts: Birth of the Clinic, Discipline and Punish, Abnormal, History of Sexuality Vol. One, and the essay "Technologies of Self."

<http://www.religiousstudies.uncc.edu/aburlein/Foucault%20and%20Religion/syllabi/FoucaultReligionFall07.htm>

Instructor: Ann Burlein, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

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

Anthropology 158: Religion and Anthropology, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

Classics 121: Greek and Roman Religion, MWF 2-3 + sec, 4 units

Religious Studies 190, sec. 1: Religion and Secularization, TuTh 11-12:30

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

Anthro C160: Forms of Folklore, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

(Also cross listed with ISF C160.)

Religious Studies 190, sec. 1: Religion and Secularization, TuTh 11-12:30

South Asian C140: Hindu Mythology, MWF 11-12, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C165.)

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

South Asian C140: Hindu Mythology, TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C161.)

South Asian C161: Religion in Early India, MWF 11-12, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C165.)

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

Buddhism C115: Japanese Buddhism, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Japanese C115.)

Buddhism C120: Buddhism on the Silk Road, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units

(Also cross listed as East Asian Languages C120.)

South Asian C140: Hindu Mythology, MWF 11-12, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C165.)

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

Hebrew 107A: Biblical Hebrew Texts, MWF 1-2, 3 units

History 103B, section 6: Spain in the Middle Ages: Islam, Judaism, and Christianity in coexistence and conflict, Th 4-6, 4 units

History 178: History of the Holocaust, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units

Near Eastern Studies C133: Jewish Civilization I, The Biblical Period, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C133.)

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

Arabic 108: Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic, TuTh 9:30-11, 3 units

GWS 111, sect. 1: Women in the Muslim and Arab World, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units

History 103B, section 6: Spain in the Middle Ages: Islam, Judaism, and Christianity in coexistence and

conflict, Th 4-6, 4 units

Near Eastern Studies 142: Shi'ite Islam, MWF 2-3, 3 units (This class has been cancelled.)

Near Eastern Studies 147: The Rise of Islamic Civilization, MWF 9-10 + sect., 4 units (This class has been cancelled.)

Southeast Asian 137: Islam and Society in Southeast Asia, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

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

Chicana/o Philosophy and Religious Thought, MWF 1-2, 4 units

History 103B, section 6: Spain in the Middle Ages: Islam, Judaism, and Christianity in coexistence and conflict, Th 4-6, 4 units

Italian 130A: Dante's Inferno (in English), TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units

OTHER RELATED COURSES:

African American Studies 124: Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, MWF 10-11, 3 units

Anthro 162: Topics in Folklore, TuTh 8-9:30, 4 units

Chicano Studies 110: Latina/o Philosophy and Religious Thought, MWF 1-2, 4 units

Philosophy 104: Ethical Theories, MWF 10-11 + sec, 4 units

Philosophy 185: Heidegger, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

Scandinavian 170: Arctic Folklore and Mythology in Nordic Lands, MWF 12-1, 4 units

Slavic 147A: East Slavic Folklore, MWF 10-11. 3 units

**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.)**

Near Eastern Studies 10: Intro. to the Near East, MWF 9-10 +sec, 4 units

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