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RELIGIOUS STUDIES: 301 CAMPBELL HALL
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RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90A: Introductory Topics in Religious Studies

Topic: Science and Religion

Must science and religion conflict? Historically, science and religion have explained nature from different perspectives. Those explanations often appear to conflict, but closer scientific study and deeper religious insight often show places of fruitful dialogue and integration. The course explores topics of nature and humanity where science and religion conflict, dialogue, and integrate.

Instructor: Mark Graves, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C109: Celtic Mythology and Oral Tradition

Also cross listed as Celtic Studies C168.

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

Instructor: Annalee Rejhon, TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C124: The Renaissance and the Reformation.

Also cross listed as History C157.

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.

Instructor: Thomas Dandeleit, ThTh 11-12:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C135: Jewish Civilization: Modern Period

Also cross listed as History C175B and UGIS C155.

This course explores the major themes in Jewish history from 1750 to the present, with special attention paid to the transformation of Jewish communal and individual identity in the modern world. Topics to be treated include

the breakdown of traditional society, enlightenment and emancipation, assimilation, Hasidism, racial anti-Semitism, colonialism, Zionism, and contemporary Jewish life in Europe, North America, and Israel. The multicultural nature of Jewish history will be highlighted throughout the course through the treatment of non-European Jewish narratives alongside the more familiar Ashkenazi perspective.

Instructor: John Efron, TuTh 8-9:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C161: Religion in Early India

Also cross listed as South Asian C 127.

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: TBA, MWF 10-11, 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 THIS CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Section 1: Gender Theory and the Study of Religion

Instructor: Randall Styers, TuTh 11-12:30 , 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies

Section 2: Religion in the Roman Empire: Apuleius of Madaura

Apuleius, a second century Latin author, is best known for his work entitled *Metamorphoses* or *The Golden Ass*, which will in fact be the central text of this class. The book is a wonderful read, but also a critique of his contemporary society (up to a point) as well as the account of a conversion to the religion of Isis. However, this is not all that Apuleius wrote. We will use his other texts, especially his defense against accusations of magic, as a lens into the religious universe of one Roman author in order to gain a better understanding of the man and his world.

Requirements: some knowledge of Roman history, in-class presentations, final paper, regular attendance.

Instructor: Susanna Elm, TuTh 9:30-11 , 4 units

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

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

Psychology 107: Buddhist Psychology MW 1-2, 3 units

Religious Studies 190, sec. 1: Gender Theory and the Study of Religion, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units THIS CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Religious Studies 190, sec. 2: Religion in the Roman Empire: Apuleius of Madaura

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

Anthropology 160AC: Forms of Folklore, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

Comparative Literature 120: The Biblical Tradition in Western Literature, TuTh 12:30-2. 4 units

Religious Studies 190, sec. 1: Gender Theory and the Study of Religion, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units THIS CLASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Religious Studies 190, sec. 2: Religion in the Roman Empire: Apuleius of Madaura

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, 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 C128: Buddhism in Contemporary Society, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

(Also cross listed as East Asian Languages C128 and Southeast Asian Studies C145.)

Psychology 107: Buddhist Psychology MW 1-2, 3 units

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 102A: Postbiblical Hebrew Texts, TuTh 11-12:30, 3 units

Hebrew 106A :Elementary Biblical Hebrew, MWF 4-5, 54 Barrows, 3 units

History C175B: Jewish Civilization: Modern Period, TuTh 8-9:30, 4 units

Near Eastern Studies 132: Biblical Poetry, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

Near Eastern Studies C133: Jewish Civilization I, The Biblical Period, TuTh 8-9:30, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C135 and UGIS C155.)

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

Near Eastern Studies 146A: Islam, TuTh 11-12:30, 3 units

Near Eastern Studies 175: History and Culture of Afghanistan, TuTh 9:30-11, 3 units

Political Science 140R: Topics in Comparative Politics: Contemporary Muslims in Westernized Environment, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

South Asian 144: Islam in South Asia, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

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

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

Comparative Literature 120: Biblical Tradition in Western Literature, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

English 110: Medieval Literature, TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units

History 155A: Medieval Europe From the Late Empire to the Investiture Conflict, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

History C157: The Renaissance and the Reformation, TuTh 11-12:30 (4 units)

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C124.)

Italian 163: Catholic Fictions, MWF 10-11, 4 units

Religious Studies 190, sec. 2: Religion in the Roman Empire: Apuleius of Madaura

OTHER RELATED COURSES:

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

German 157A: Luther, Kant and Hegel, MWF 1-2, 4 units

Peace and Conflict Studies 100: Peace Theory, TuTh 9:30-11, 3 units

Peace and Conflict Studies 164A: Introduction to Nonviolence, TuTh 3:30-5. 3 units

Philosophy 104: Ethical Theories, TuTh 12:30-2 + sec, 4 units

Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies 162: Religion and Politics in the United States, TBA, 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.)

Buddhist Studies C50: Introduction to the Study of Buddhism, TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units
(Also cross listed as East Asian Languages C50 and South & Southeast Asian Studies C52.)

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

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