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RELIGIOUS STUDIES: 301 CAMPBELL HALL
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All courses are 4 units unless otherwise noted

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90A: Introductory Topics in Religious Studies

Topic: Faith, Religion and Religious Experience

This course will examine how religious faith and religious experience relate to each other. And what does "religious experience mean? Based on a choice of texts from Christian traditions the class will explore these issues and try to understand the history and nature of "religious experience". Texts will include early Christian literature, medieval and modern texts and modern discussion of religious experience.

Instructor: Niklaus Largier, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C108: Scandinavian Myth and Religion

Also cross listed as Scandinavian C160.

Religious beliefs and practices during the Viking Age in Scandinavia and their manifestations in later recordings.

Instructor: John Lindow, MWF 10-11, 4 units

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: S. Goldsmith, MWF 2-3, 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: Tyler Lange, MWF 12-1, 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: Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, MWF 11-12, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies

Section 1: South Asian Religions in American Popular Culture

This class is a historical survey of American pop-cultural representations of Hinduism and Buddhism through a theoretical lens that explores notions of representation and authenticity. Beginning with French and English fiction of the Victorian era, it maps the legacy of colonial stereotypes and theosophical preoccupations of the 19th century that carry over into the new American popular media of the 1920s & 30s (serialized film, radio dramas, pulp magazines and comic books). As this historical survey proceeds towards the 21st century students will explore an ever expanding variety of media forms that depict these religious traditions not only within a South Asian context but also transplanted into a purely American narrative landscape. While some of these tales range from the sensationalist toward the fantastic, others strive to embody a unique authenticity or profundity. This class will demonstrate the important place South Asian religious traditions have occupied in the American popular imagination.

Instructor: Layne Little TuTh 3:30-5 , 4 units

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

Classics 121: Greek and Roman Religion, TuTh 3:30-5 + sec, 4 units

Religious Studies 190, Topic: South Asian Religions in American Popular Culture, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

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

Anthropology 149: Psychological Anthropology, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

Religious Studies 190, Topic: South Asian Religions in American Popular Culture, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

Slavic 147B: Balkan Folklore, MWF 2-3, 3 units

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:

Religious Studies 190, Topic: South Asian Religions in American Popular Culture, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

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 C120: Buddhism on the Silk Road, MW 4-5:30, 4 units

(Also cross listed as East Asian Languages & Cultures C120.)

Buddhism C126: Buddhism and the Environment, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

(Also cross listed as East Asian Languages & Cultures C126.)

Buddhism C140: Readings in Chinese Buddhist Texts, TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Chinese C140.)

Religious Studies 190, Topic: South Asian Religions in American Popular Culture, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 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 107A: Biblical Hebrew Texts, TuTh 2-5, 3 units

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

Asian American Studies 128AC: Muslims in America, Mon 2-5, 4 units

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

Southeast Asian 137: Islam and Society in Southeast Asia, TuTh 11-12:30, 3 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

English C107: The English Bible as Literature, MWF 2-3, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Religious Studies C119.)

History 155B: From the Investiture Conflict to the Fifteenth Century, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units

History C157: The Renaissance and the Reformation, MWF 12-1, 4 units

(Also crossed listed as Religious Studies C124.)

OTHER RELATED COURSES:

African American Studies 131: Caribbean Society and Cultures, Tu 2-5, 3 units

L&S C160V: Human Happiness, MW 3-4, 3 units

(Also cross listed as Psychology C162.)

Peace and Conflict Studies 100: Peace Theory, TuTh 11-12:30, 3 units

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

Philosophy 104: Ethical Theories, MWF 11-12 + sec, 4 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 12:30-2, 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 3-4 + sec, 4 units

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