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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90B: Introductory Topics in Religious Studies

Topic: Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion

The purpose of this class is to introduce you to some of the major interpretive approaches currently used in religious studies. Our strategy of approach will be to focus on three case studies: Karen McCarthy Brown's *Mama Lola: A Vodou Priestess in Brooklyn*, Bernard Faure's *The Red Thread: Buddhist Approaches to Sexuality*, and Saba Mahmood's *The Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject*. We will go back and forth between case studies and some of the theorists they are reading and dialoguing with as they attempt to interpret complex linkages between religion and culture. For Brown, we will read selections from Marx, Durkheim, and Geertz. For Faure, we will read Foucault's *History of Sexuality* and perhaps an excerpt from Bakhtin's book on Rabelais. For Mahmood, we will read selections from Judith Butler's *Gender Trouble*. I chose this strategy (rather than surveying different theorists and methods) to model the way scholars in religious studies actually work.

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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C104: Babylonian Religion

Also cross listed as Near Eastern Studies C104.

A survey of Babylonian religious beliefs and practices based on indigenous texts and monuments.

Instructor: Terri-Lynn Tanaka, TuTh 2-3:30, 3 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C132: Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period

Also cross listed as Near Eastern Studies C 135 and UGIS C152.

This is the first course in a four-course sequence in the history of Jewish culture and civilization. It covers the biblical period and the period up to the destruction of the second temple. This course will explore the current state of our knowledge, including the legacy of ancient Near Eastern myth and religion, the history of Israelite religion, the literary features of biblical narrative, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Instructor: Dale Loepf, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C164: Religion in Medieval India

Also cross listed as South Asian C 123.

This course is designed to provide a chronological and thematic approach to the study of religion in medieval India. It will cover the period from 600 to 1600 A.D.--a time of significant developments in both Hinduism and Islam on the subcontinent. Besides witnessing tremendous religious ferment in the South and the emergence of popular devotional movements within Hinduism in the North, the period also observed new

mystical and regional articulations of Islam.

Instructors: Vashuda Dalmia and Munis Faruqi, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C182: Sociology of Religion

Also cross listed as Sociology C 112.

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.

Instructor: Paula Nesbit, MWF 1-2, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies

Section 1: Theories of the Religious Self

This course is designed to afford an in-depth introduction to three theorists whose intellectual approaches and moves have provided crucial resources for scholars interested in analyzing religious subjectivities. Our focus will be Nietzsche's Genealogy of Morality, selections from Freud, and selections from the existential phenomenology developed in Sartre's Being and Nothingness.

Instructor: Ann Burlein, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190: Topics in Religious Studies

Section 3: Augustine, City of God

This course will focus on Augustine's City of God. A classic of "Western Civilization" as well as "Christianity," this is a challenging text. We will use it as a guide-line to investigate "on the ground" how Augustine saw the transformation of the later Roman empire into a Christian empire and how he himself contributed to that transformation. We want to investigate how Christianity changes membership in the ancient city, what it meant for Augustine to be a Christian "citizen," and how he thought about Roman history. In doing all this we will address recent scholarship positing (once more) the decline of the Roman Empire.

Susanna Elm, TuTh 12:30-2, 4 units

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

Sociology C 112: Sociology of Religion, MWF 1-2, 4 units

Also cross listed as Religious Studies C182.

Religious Studies 190, sec. 1: Theories of the Religious Self, TuTh 3:30-5

Religious Studies 190, sec. 3: Augustine, City of God, TuTh 12:30-2

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

Celtic 170, sect. 1: Celtic Christianity, TuTh 11-12:30 (4 units)

Religious Studies 190, sec. 1: Theories of the Religious Self, TuTh 3:30-5

Religious Studies 190, sec. 3: Augustine, City of God, TuTh 12:30-2

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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C164: Religion in Medieval India, TuTh 11-12:30

Also cross listed as South Asian C 123.

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

East Asian Languages C126: Buddhism and the Environment, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Buddhism C126)

Tibetan C114: Tibetan Buddhism, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

(Also cross listed as Buddhism C114.)

Courses approved for the JUDAISM EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:**German 168: Yiddish and Humor, MWF 1-2, 3 units****Hebrew 107B: Biblical Hebrew Texts, TuTh 11-12:30, 3 units****History 100, sect.3: Jews and Muslims, MW 4-5:30, 4 units****History 109C: Middle East from 18th Century to Present, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units****Jewish Studies 101: The Cultural Legacies of the Jews, MW 10-11, 2 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:****History 100, sect.3: Jews and Muslims, MW 4-5:30, 4 units****History 109C: Middle East from 18th Century to Present, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units****Near Eastern Studies 140: Topics in Islamic Thoughts and Institutions, MWF 3-4, 3 units****Near Eastern Studies 144: Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam, TuTh 11-12:30, 3 units****Religious Studies C164: Religion in Medieval India, TuTh 11-12:30, 4 units**
Also cross listed as South Asian C 123.**Courses approved for the CHRISTIANITY EMPHASIS of the Religious Studies Major:****Celtic 170, sect. 1: Celtic Christianity, TuTh 11-12:30 (4 units)****English 118: Milton, MWF 12-1, 4 units****History 100, sect. 1: Religion and Violence in Early Modern Europe, MW 4-5:30, 4 units****History 106B: The Roman Empire, MWF 1-2, 4 units****History 185A: History of Christianity to the Crusades, TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units****Italian 130B: Dante's Purgatorio and Paradiso (in English), TuTh 9:30-11, 4 units****Religious Studies 190, sec. 3: Augustine, City of God, TuTh 12:30-2****OTHER RELATED COURSES:****African American Studies 131: Caribbean Societies and Cultures, Tue. 2-5, 3 units****Anthro 162: Topics in Folklore, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units****Legal Studies 121: Law in the Bible, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units****L&S 160B: Effective Personal Ethics for the 21st Century MW 4-5:30, 3 units****Near Eastern Studies 160: Religions of Ancient Iran, MW 4-5:30, 3 units****Peace and Conflict Studies 100: Peace Theory Approaches and Analyses, TuTh 2-3:30, 4 units****Peace and Conflict Studies: 164B Nonviolence Today, TuTh 3:30-5, 3 units****Scandinavian 165: Scandinavian Folklore, MWF 10-11, 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.)

Classics 28: The Classic Myths, MWF 11-12, 4 units

Near Eastern Studies 15: Intro. to Near Eastern Art and Archeology, MWF 11-12, 4 units

Philosophy 7: Existentialism in Literature and Film, TuTh 3:30-5, 4 units

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