Main Religious Studies Courses

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90A Introductory Topics in Religious Studies

In recent decades modern discoveries and theories have refashioned our understanding of the book of Genesis. Important aspects of this new understanding involve the recovery of the ancient Near Eastern context of Genesis, the impact of recent archaeological discoveries, new models of the literary history of Genesis, anthropological and literary approaches, theories of myth, and the legacy of ancient biblical interpretation. Throughout we will be working on a close reading of Genesis. All texts will be read in translation.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C108 Scandinavian Mythology

- This course is cross-listed with -
  Scandinavian C160

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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C109 Celtic Mythology and Oral Tradition

- This course is cross-listed with -
  Celtic Studies C168

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.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES C161 Religion in Early India

- This course is cross-listed with -
  South Asian C127

This class 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.
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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190** Topics in Religious Studies Topic: Augustine's Confessions

- TTh 9:30-11
- Susanna Elm
- Units (4)

**Methodological Requirement**

The following courses are approved for the Religious Studies major

**Rhetoric 105T** Rhetoric of Religious Discourse

- TTh 9:30-11

**Classis 121** Ancient Religion

- TTh 2-3:30

**Anthropology 158** Religion and Anthropology

- WF 11-12:30

**Thematic Requirement**

The following courses are approved for the Religious Studies major

**South Asian C140** Hindu Mythology

- This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C165

- MWF 11-12

**Celtic Studies C168** Celtic Mythology and Oral Tradition

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190** Topics in Religious Studies Topic: Slavery and Christianity

- TTh 9:30-11
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**Hinduism Emphasis**
*The following courses are approved for the Religious Studies major*

**South Asian C127 Religion in Early India**
- *This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C161*
  - TTh 3:30-5  Units(4)

**South Asian C140 Hindu Mythology**
- *This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C165*
  - MWF 11-12  Units(4)

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**Buddhist Emphasis**
*The following courses are approved for the Religious Studies major*

**Buddhism C115 Japanese Buddhism**
- *This course is cross-listed with Japanese C115*
  - TTh 2-3:30  Units(4)

**Buddhism C120 Buddhism on the Silk Road**
- *This course is cross-listed with East Asian Languages & Cultures C120*
  - MW 4-5:30  Units(4)

**Buddhism C140 Readings in Chinese Buddhist Texts**
- *This course is cross-listed with Chinese C140*
  - TTh 12:30-2  Units(4)

**Buddhism 190 Topics in Buddhism (topic: TBA)**
  - TTh 9:30-11  Units(4)

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**Christian Emphasis**
*The following courses are approved for the Religious Studies major*
### History 103S
- **Section 2: Science, Religion and Magic in Early Modern Europe**
  - Days: T 2-4
  - Units: 4

### English 110
- **Medieval Literature**
  - Days: T-Th 3:30-5
  - Units: 4

### Celtic Studies 173
- **Units:** 4
- Days: MW 4-5:30

### Religious Studies 190
- **Topics in Religious Studies Topic: Slavery and Christianity**
  - Days: T-Th 9:30-11
  - Instructor: Susanna Elm
  - Units: 4

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### Judaism Emphasis

#### Hebrew 106A
- **Elementary Biblical Hebrew**
  - Days: M 3-6
  - Units: 3

#### Hebrew 148
- **Art and Culture of the Talmud Advanced Textural Analysis**
  - Days: W 2-5
  - Units: 3

#### History C175B
- **Jewish Civilization: Modern Period**
  - Days: T-Th 3:30-5
  - Units: 4

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### Islam Emphasis

#### Asian American Studies 128AC
- **Muslims in America**
  - Days: M 4-5:30
  - Units: 4

#### Near Eastern Studies 146A
- **Islam**
  - Days: T-Th 2-3:30
  - Units: 3
Other Related Courses

**Peace and Conflict Studies 100 Peace Theory**
- TTh 11-12:30  *Units (3)*

**Philosophy 104 Ethical Theories**
- MWF 10-11  *Units (4)*

**Anthropology 160AC Forms of Folklore**
- TTh 3:30-5  *Units (4)*

**Scandinavian C160 Myth and Religion**
- MWF 10-11  *Units (4)*

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*Lower Division Courses of Interest*

*The following 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 Introduction to the Near East**
- MWF 9-10  ★ + Sec  *Units (4)*

**Religious Studies 24 Freshman Seminar**
- M  *Units (1)*

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