Main Religious Studies Courses

Religious Studies 90A Interpreting Religion: The Founding Theories

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- This course is cross-listed with UGIS C155/History C175B

Religious Studies C165 Hindu Mythology

- This course is cross-listed with South Asian C140

Religious Studies 190 Section 1: Mormonism: How an American Faith Became a World Religion

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**Classics 121** Ancient Religion

**GWS 142** Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds

**L&S 120C** The Bible in Western Culture

**Near Eastern Languages 121A** Topics in Islamic Art and Architecture

**Near Eastern Languages 133** Judaism in Late Antiquity

**Near Eastern Languages 146A** Islam

**PACS 100** Peace Theory, Approaches and Analysis