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### RELIGIOUS STUDIES 90A Introductory Topics in Religious Studies

🕒 MW 4:00-5:30

👤 Lynne Gerber

Units (4)

- Topic: Sacred Communities: Social Perspectives on Religion

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES C162

🕒 TTh 2:00-3:30

👤 Layne Little

Units (4)

- This course is cross-listed with: -  
*South Asian C141*

The development and practice of religion in South India. Emphasis will be on sources translated directly from Indian languages. Subjects covered include: the indigenous religion, the effect of Brahmanical religion, movements, and the practice of Hinduism in modern South India.

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES C166 India's Great Epics

🕒 MWF 11:00-12:00

👤 Robert Goldman

Units (4)

- This course is cross-listed with: -  
*South Asian C 142*

The course entails substantial selected readings from the great Sanskrit epic poems--the Mahabharata and the Ramayana in translation, selected readings from the corpus of secondary literature on Indian epic studies as well as lectures on salient issues in both. Discussion will focus on a variety of historical and theoretical approaches to the study of the poems and their extraordinary influence on Indian culture. Readings will be supplemented with selected showings of popular cinematic and television versions of the epics.

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

🕒 TTh 3:30-5:00

👤 Grazyna Kolondra

Units (4)

Section 1: Canon Law in the Roman Catholic Church

This course endeavors to assist students to become more aware of the relationship of ecclesiastical law to society, secular law, music and art. It provides students with a brief introduction to some medieval Canon Law scholars and Canon Law manuscripts.

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

🕒 TTh 12:30-2:00

Section 2: Slavery and Christianity


 Susanna Elm

Units (4)

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

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 MW 4:00-5:30

 Purushottama  
Bilimoria

Units (4)


Section 3: The Ethics of Rights, Gender and Global Justice: East and West

The course focuses on certain founding insights, principles and practical explications of the ethics of rights and ideas on justice, in both Western and Eastern traditions and in-between (Islamic, Chinese, African, ...

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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

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 TTh 3:30-5:00

 Masaki Matsubara

Units (4)

Section 4: Sacred Buddhist Biography Japan

This course explores a particular narrative genre in the history of Japanese Buddhism: sacred biography. We will concentrate on the biographical and autobiographical writings of founders and reformers

of major schools of Japanese Buddhism as well as ...

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## Methodological Requirement

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

### Sociology C112 Sociology of Religion


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- This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C182

 MWF 11:00-12:00 Units(4)

### Anthropology 158 Religion and Anthropology

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 TTh 2:00-3:30 Units(4)

## Thematic Requirement

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

### Celtic Studies 129 Aspects of Modern Celtic Cultures and Folklore

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 MWF 10:00-11:00 Units(4)

### South Asian C142 India's Great Epics

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- This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C166

 MWF 11:00-12:00 Units(4)

### Slavic 147A East Slavic Folklore

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 MWF 2:00-3:00 Units(3)

# Hinduism Emphasis

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

## South Asian C141 Hindu Mythology

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- This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C162

🕒 TTh 2:00-3:30 Units(4)

## South Asian C142 India's Great Epics

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- This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C166

🕒 MWF 11:00-12:00 Units(4)

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

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🕒 MW 4:00-5:30

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Bilimoria

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# Buddhist Emphasis

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## Buddhism C126 Buddhism and the Environment

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- This course is cross-listed with East Asian Languages and Cultures C126

🕒 TTh 12:30-2:00 Units(4)

## Buddhism C174 Japanese Buddhism in Diaspora

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- This course is cross-listed with Japanese C174

🕒 TTh 3:30-5:00 Units(4)

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

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🕒 TTh 3:30-5:00

👤 Masaki Matsubara

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Units (4)

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## Buddhism 190 Topics in the Study of Buddhism

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🕒 TTh 2:00-3:30 Units(4)

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# Christian Emphasis

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## History 185A History of Christianity to 1250

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🕒 TTh 9:30-11:00 Units(4)

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

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🕒 TTh 3:30-5:00

👤 Grazyna Kolondra

Units (4)

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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Topics in Religious Studies

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🕒 TTh 12:30-2:00

👤 Susanna Elm

Units (4)

Section 2: Slavery and Christianity

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# Judaism Emphasis

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

## Hebrew 102A Elementary Biblical Hebrew

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🕒 TTh 3:30-5:00 Units(3)

## Letters and Science 120C The Bible in Western Culture

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🕒 MWF 11:00-12:00 Units(4)

## History 178 History of the Holocaust

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🕒 TTh 2:00-3:30 Units(4)

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# Islam Emphasis

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

## Asian American Studies 132 Islamophobia and Constructing Otherness

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🕒 M 3:00-6:00 Units(4)

## Near Eastern Studies 140 Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions

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🕒 TTh 12:30-2:00 Units(4)

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## Other Related Courses

### **Peace and Conflict Studies 100** Peace Theory

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🕒 TTh 11:00-12:30 Units(4)

### **L&S 160B** Effective Personal Ethics for the 21st Century: Awakening at the Center of an Evolving Universe

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🕒 MW 4-5:30 Units(3)

### **Anthropology 162** Topics in Folklore

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🕒 TTh 11:00-12:30 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).*

### **South Asian 1B** Introduction to the Civilization of Medieval and Modern India

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🕒 TTh 12:30-2:00 Units(4)

### **Philosophy 11** Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

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🕒 TTh 12:30-2:00 Units(4)

### **Near Eastern Studies 24** Islam and Imaginative Literature: The Making of a Problematic Relation

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🕒 M 1:00-2:00 Units(1)

### **Classics 28** The Classic Myths

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🕒 MWF 3:00-4:00 Units(4)

### **History 48** Medieval Europe

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🕒 MWF 11:00-12:00 Units(4)

### **Buddhist Studies C50** Introduction to the Study of Buddhism

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*- This course is cross-listed with East Asian Languages C50 and South & Southeast Asian Studies C52*

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