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### RELIGIOUS STUDIES C90B Introductory Topics in Religious Studies - Topic: Introduction to Hinduism

🕒 TTh 11-12:30

👤 Layne Little

Units (4)

- This course is cross-listed with: -  
C51

This course is an introduction to Hindu religious culture, its mythology, sacred texts, rituals and philosophical systems. While emphasizing text and practice in its historical context it also uses specific case studies to help students explore the diversity of Hindu Belief in terms of both ...

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### RELIGIOUS STUDIES C119 The English Bible as Literature

🕒 TTh 9:30-11

👤 Steve Goldsmith

Units (4)

- This course is cross-listed with: -  
C107

Introduction to the English Bible, treated as a literary work.

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES C124 The Renaissance and the Reformation

🕒 TTh 11-12:30

👤 Thomas Dandelett

Units (4)

- This course is cross-listed with: -  
History C157

This class will examine 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.

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES C132 Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period

🕒 TTh 3:30-5

👤 D. Loepf

Units (4)

- This course is cross-listed with: -  
Near Eastern Studies C135

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.

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES C161 Religion in Early India

🕒 TTh 3:30-5

👤 S. Baums

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

This class is an introduction to the religions that have their origin on the

Units (4)

subcontinent - Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and tribal religions - as well as those that originated in other regions such as 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 of some of their commonalities in philosophy, theology and praxis.

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES C166 India's Great Epics: The Mahabharata and the Ramayana

🕒 MWF 11-12

👤 Robert Goldman

Units (4)

- This course is cross-listed with: -  
*South Asian C142*

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 173AC Gandhi and the Civil Rights Movement in America

🕒 TTh 3:30-5

👤 Purushottama  
Bilimoria

Units (4)

This class surveys the impact of Gandhi's theory and praxis of nonviolence on the African American Civil Rights movement in America. Gandhi and the Pan-African Congress challenged racial and ethnic stereotypes in dominant white cultures and this spread to America as well. The narrative is explored through historical and critical analyses drawing on literature and image media from 1893 to WEB Du Bois and key Black leaders culminating in

Martin Luther King's civil rights struggles.

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES 190 Sacred Buddhist Biography in Japan

🕒 TTh 2-3:30

👤 Masaki Matsubara

Units (4)

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 other important figures in Japanese Buddhist ...

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## Methodological Requirement

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### Rhetoric 105T Rhetoric of Religious Discourse

🕒 TTh 3:30-5 Units(4)

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## Thematic Requirement

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### South Asian C142 India's Great Epics: The Mahabharata and the Ramayana

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## Hinduism Emphasis

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- This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C161

🕒 TTh 3:30-5 Units(4)

## **South Asian C142** India's Great Epics: The Mahabharata and the Ramayana

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- *This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C166*

🕒 MWF 11-12 Units(4)

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### **Buddhist Emphasis**

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#### **Buddhism C114** Tibetan Buddhism

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- *This course is cross-listed with Tibetan C114 and South Asian C114*

🕒 TTh 11-12:30 Units(4)

#### **History of Art 134B** Buddhist Icons in Japan

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🕒 TTh 12:30-2

#### **L&S 160D** Thinking About Not Thinking: Approaches to Buddhist Meditation

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🕒 TTh 2-3:30 Units(4)

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### **Christian Emphasis**

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#### **English C107** The English Bible as Literature

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- *This course is cross-listed with Religious Studies C119*

🕒 TTh 9:30-11 Units(4)

#### **History 185A** History of Christianity to the Crusades

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🕒 TTh 2:-3:30 Units(4)

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### **Judaism Emphasis**

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#### **Near Eastern Studies C135** Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period

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🕒 TTh 3:30-5 Units(4)

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# Islam Emphasis

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## **Arabic 108** Islamic Religious and Philosophical Texts in Arabic

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🕒 TTh 3:30-5 *Units(3)*

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

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🕒 TTh 12:30-2 *Units(3)*

## **Gender and Women's Studies 142** Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds

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🕒 TTh 12:30-2 *Units(3)*

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### **Philosophy 7** Existentialism in Literature and Film

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🕒 TTh 3:30-5 *Units(4)*

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

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🕒 MWF 3-4 *Units(4)*

### **Philosophy 125** Metaphysics

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🕒 MWF 3-4 *Units(4)*

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

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🕒 MWF 10-11 *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 3:30-5 *Units(4)*

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