

REL 4920 - Directed Readings in Religious Studies

Individual study of topic(s) not covered in available courses. May be repeated for additional credit.

40298 Permission of coordinator Mabee, C.

REL 4950 - Religious Community Project Internship

Field placement in an approved religious community project. Field notes, regular consultation with the program director, and an analytical paper of the experience are part of the requirements.

40533 Permission of coordinator Mabee, C.

Topics related to Religious Studies -

Study Abroad

Please note that a study abroad program exists in Israel as an archaeological field school and tour of the country. Students participate in three weeks of field school at an archaeological site. Partial funding is provided for students. Additional information is available by contacting the Oakland University Study Abroad office, or by emailing Dr. Michael Pytlik: pytlik@oakland.edu. This trip satisfies one area in the Judaic Studies minor requirements.

Summer 02 Religious Studies Study Abroad opportunity - ST: Cross and Crown

The first half of the course, on campus lectures and readings, will provide the historical background of the Tudor monarchy that enables the students to understand and analyze the cultural development of England. The second portion of the course, 10 days in London, England, is designed to provide the vivid travel experience that immerses the students in English culture and encourages analysis of England's cultural development. Journaling and daily meetings will guide this understanding and analysis.

REL 1100 — Introduction to Religion

Critical, comparative study of the human religious experience, as well as an examination of various methodological approaches employed by academic disciplines in the study of religion.



43862 TR 8:00-9:47 am Guffey, A.
40608 Online Mabee, C.

REL 1150 — Introduction to Islam

Pre-Islamic Arabia, Muhammad and early Islamic history; the Qur'an and basic beliefs, practices and law; the Islamic Caliphate; Islam in the modern world and Muslims in America; women in Islam and other contemporary issues.

41871 Online Lela, A.

(Satisfies the general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area. Satisfies the university general education requirement for a writing intensive course in general education. Prerequisite for writing intensive: completion of the university writing foundation requirement.)

REL 1200 – Introduction to Judaism

Religious beliefs, practices and philosophies embedded within the major historical experiences (Biblical and Diasporic) of Jewish people including main institutional branches of Judaism, central characteristics of Jewish culture, and their relationship with non-Jewish groups and societies.



41435 TR 10:00-11:47 am Klein, J.

(Satisfies the general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area. Satisfies the university general education requirement for a writing intensive course in general education. Prerequisite for writing intensive: completion of the university writing foundation requirement.)

REL 1250 — Introduction to Christianity

Key ideas, major concepts, and peculiar language of the Christian religious experience. Focus on history of Christianity, creeds and doctrines of various denominations, Christianity's cultural influences, and Christian ethical systems.

41153 MWF 9:20-10:27 am Engle, R.
41946 MWF 1:20-2:27 pm Engle, R.
42518 Primarily Online Engle, R.
9/11/2021 S 8:00-11:20 am
10/9/2021 S 8:00-11:20 am
11/6/2021 S 8:00-11:20 am
42915 Online Mabee, C.

(Satisfies the general education requirement in the global perspectives knowledge exploration area.)

REL 1850 – World Religious Traditions

Examines the core teachings and practices of the world’s major religious traditions, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Chinese religions. Emphasis is on terminology developed within each tradition, identification of human problems that each attempts to solve, and the insights and problematic issues that arise from these attempts.

40303 Online Mabee, C.

(Satisfies the general education requirement in the global perspectives knowledge exploration area.)

REL 3140 – Religion in the Modern World

Focuses on key issues of religious life in the modern world. Examples of topics include the role of women in religious leadership, the relation of science and religion, religious fundamentalism, and religiously motivated acts of terrorism.



41215 MWF 10:40-11:47 am Engle, R.
41216 Online Mabee, C.

(Satisfies the general education requirement in the knowledge applications integration area. Prerequisite for knowledge applications: completion of the general education requirement in the social science or the global perspective knowledge exploration area, not both.)

REL 3720 - God and Man in Judaism

Examination of how ideas of God and humans’ relationship to God are presented in Jewish religious texts and how they have evolved over time. Important issues include the nature of God, free will, sin, repentance, and the question of evil.

45011 Online Pytlik, M.

REL 3750 — Science and Religion

Examines the relationship between religion and modern science from an historical and contemporary perspective. Scientific descriptions of reality are compared and contrasted with contemporary expressions of religious belief.

42370 Online Mabee, C.

(Satisfies the university general education requirement in the knowledge applications integration area. Prerequisite for knowledge applications: completion of the general education requirement in the natural science and technology knowledge exploration area.)



REL 3900 - ST: Hindu Spirituality

This Special Topics course will consider the doctrines and practices of Hinduism. The implications for Hinduism for caste and class considerations, gender, national identity, and political discourse are also explored.

43157 Online Jayaprakash, S.

REL 3900 - ST: Intro to Buddhist Traditions

This Special Topics course examines the variety of Buddhist traditions and doctrines as practiced around the world.

42293 Online Hickey, K.

REL 3900 - ST: Intro to Islamic Law

This Special Topics course will focus on elements of Islamic law that govern family issues such as; marital contracts, the dissolution of marriages, child custody and laws of wills and inheritance..

45587 Online Lela, A.

REL 3900 - ST: Japanese Religions

This Special Topics course will cover the evolution of Japanese Religions from the earliest times to the present.

42411 TR 3:00-4:47 pm Londo, W.

REL 3900 - ST: Muslim Personal Law

This course focuses on elements of Islamic law that govern family issues such as; marital contracts, dissolution of marriages, child custody and laws of wills and inheritance.

43312 Online Lela, A.

REL 3900 - ST: Religion and the Good Life

This course examines what religion contributes to the project of living a “good life” by exploring key moral issues as they are handled by various religious traditions.

42917 Online Guffey, A.