

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.



40562 Online Guffey, A.

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.

41734 TR 1:00-2:47 pm 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.



45337 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.

41069 MWF 9:20-10:27 am Engle, R.
 41796 MWF 1:20-2:27 pm Engle, R.
 42280 Primarily Online Engle, R.
 9/10/2022 S 8:00-11:20 am
 10/1/2022 S 8:00-11:20 am
 11/5/2022 S 8:00-11:20 am
 42624 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.

40287 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.



45339 MWF 10:40-11:47 am Engle, R.
41130 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 3450 - Islam in America

Examination of the history, development, and challenges facing the Muslim community in the United States. Emphasis on the diversity of this community and its role in the greater Detroit area.

45341 Online Lela, A.

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.

42157 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.

45343 Online Jayaprakash, S.



REL 3900 - ST: Intro to New Testament

This Special Topics course is an introduction to the earliest Christian writings in their ancient historical, literary, and religious contexts.

45345 Online Guffey, A.

REL 3900 - ST: Japanese Religions

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

45344 Online Londo, W.

REL 3900 - ST: People/Culture of Near East

This Special Topics course Examines the cultures of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Canaan, and Israel with an eye to each culture's social institutions, settlements, religions, kinship, art, diet, adaptive strategies. Covers the problems in identifying ancient ethnicities and impacts of colonialism and recovering the ancient mind. Covers shared culture and characteristics of the peoples and their impact on contemporary cultures, where possible.

45451 MW 3:30-5:18 pm Pytlik, M.

REL 3900 - ST: Spiritual but not Religious

This course surveys the relationship between spirituality and formal religion, on the one hand, and secular modes of understanding the self, particularly since the Enlightenment.

45342 MW 5:30-7:17 pm Pytlik, M.

REL 4920 - Directed Readings in Religious Studies

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

40282 Permission of coordinator Engle, R.