

REL 4920 - Directed Readings in Religious Studies

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

10455 Permission of coordinator Mabee, C.
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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.

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Topics related to Religious Studies -

AN 3123 — Magic, Witchcraft and Religion

Anthropological theories of magic, witchcraft and religion: human interaction with beings, creatures and forces that manifest extraordinary powers; folk beliefs of non-literate people; and transformation of social systems by religious movements.

14331 W 6:00—9:20 pm Gooren, H.

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.



11096 TR 8:00-9:47 am 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.

11366 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.



10765 TR 1:00-2:47 pm Klein, J.
 12049 Online Pytlik, M.

(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.

13484 MWF 9:20-10:27 am Engle, R.
 11870 MWF 1:20-2:27 pm Engle, R.
 12790 Primarily Online Engle, R.
 1/8/2022 S 8:00-11:20 am
 2/12/2022 S 8:00-11:20 am
 3/12/2022 S 8:00-11:20 am
 12789 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.

10454 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.



14167 MWF 10:40-11:47 am Engle, R.
11225 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.

14124 Online Lela, A.

REL 3700 — The Book of Genesis

Examination of the major themes in the Book of Genesis, including creation, relationship between people and God, and human nature. Course will incorporate archaeology, rabbinic and Christian commentary, and literary analysis.

11763 TR 10:00-11:47 am Klein, J.

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.

11224 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: Buddhism, Gender, Sexuality

This course examines historical, textual, and social questions relevant to the status of men and women in the Buddhist world. Dynamics of power, agency, and narrative will shape the course’s exploration.

12292 Online Hickey, K.



REL 3900 — ST: East Asian Religions

This Special Topics course examines an historical survey of the evolution of the teachings and practices of Chinese, Korean and Japanese religions from earliest times to the modern era.

12849 TR 3:00-4:47 pm Londo, W.

REL 3900 -ST: Hindu Spirituality

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

13617 Online Jayaprakash, S.



REL 3900 - ST: Intro to Islamic Law

This Special Topics course will familiarize students with the main sources of Islamic law and examine the various juridical methodology within the Islamic legal system.

14737 ONLINE Lela, A.

REL 3900 - ST: Muslim Personal Law

This Special Topics 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.

12791 Online Lela, A.

REL 3900 - ST: Studies/Suffering and Evil

This course is an exploration of philosophical, theological, and literary responses to the question of theodicy: If God is just and good, why is there suffering and evil?

14322 Online Guffey, A.