

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](mailto: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.

Winter 2023

**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.



11012      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.

15071      TR      8:00-9:47 am      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.



10706      TR      1:00-2:47 pm      Klein, J.  
11886      Online

*(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.

13105      MWF      9:20-10:27 am      Engle, R.  
11725      MWF      1:20-2:27 pm      Engle, R.  
12542      Primarily Online      Engle, R.  
1/14/2023      S      8:00-11:20 am  
2/11/2023      S      8:00-11:20 am  
3/11/2023      S      8:00-11:20 am

*(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.

10412 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.



13616 MWF 10:40-11:47 am Engle, R.

*(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 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.

11127 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: 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.

12578 Online 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.

13223 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.

12108 Online Hickey, K.



**REL 3900 - ST: Jesus of Nazareth**

This Special Topics course is an historical exploration of the life of Jesus of Nazareth, including an analysis of sources for understanding Jesus’ life and the legacy of the so-called Quest for the Historical Jesus.

13582 TR 1:00-2:47 pm Guffey, A..

**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 Engle, R.  
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