

RELIGION (REL)

REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion (3 CR.)

Explores the idea of religion (as a general category), how to study religion in an academic context, and common elements across most religions such as beliefs, practices, values, community, spiritual experience, symbolism, and narrative. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. This is a Passport and UCGS transfer course.

REL 217 Life And Letters of Paul (3 CR.)

Studies the journeys and religious thought of the apostle Paul. Lecture 3 hours per week.

REL 225 Selected Topics in Biblical Studies (3 CR.)

Examines a selected body of literature, a specific book of the Bible, or a pervasive theme. Lecture 3 hours per week.

REL 230 Religions of the World (3 CR.)

Introduces the major religions of the world: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Focuses on origins, history, basic beliefs, values, ethics, and practices. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. This is a Passport and UCGS transfer course.

REL 233 Introduction to Islam (3 CR.)

Studies Islam in its historical, religious, and political dimensions and assists in the understanding of its contemporary vitality and attraction as a faith, a culture and a way of life. Lecture 3 hours per week.

REL 235 Major Religious Thinkers (3 CR.)

Examines the works of one or more important people in religious thought. Lecture 3 hours per week.

REL 237 Religions of the East (3 CR.)

Studies major religious traditions originating in India and East Asia, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Daoism and Shinto. Examines origins, values, ethics, teachings, and practices. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. This is a Passport and UCGS transfer course.

REL 238 Religions of the West (3 CR.)

Studies major religious traditions originating in the Near East, including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Examines origins, values, ethics, teachings, and practices. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week.

REL 240 Religions in America (3 CR.)

Surveys various manifestations of religion in the American experience. Emphasizes concepts, problems, and issues of religious diversity and character of U.S. religious life. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. Lecture 3 hours per week.

REL 246 Christianity (3 CR.)

Examines the origins and historical development of Christianity, its basic metaphysical and theological assumptions and essential doctrines; also examines the present state of the church in the modern world. Lecture 3 hours per week.