RELIGION (REL)

REL 11020  INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)  3 Credit Hours
A study of the religious impulse as it manifests itself in the plurality of beliefs, practices and institutions of the world religions.
Prerequisite: none.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global, Experiential Learning Requirement, Kent Core Humanities, Transfer Module Humanities

REL 12020  INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE  3 Credit Hours
This course introduces students to the literature of the New Testament and to the early Christian communities in which the works were formulated. Of focused interest will be the critical study of the content of the texts, with close consideration of the historical and literary influences on the composition and reception of the gospel traditions as regards their presentations of the life, ministry and person of Jesus, and the letters of Paul. The post-Pauline pastoral epistles, and various later works included in the collection will be briefly examined.
Prerequisite: none.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 21021  MOSES, JESUS AND MOHAMMAD (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)  3 Credit Hours
An in-depth exploration of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, considering the circumstances of each tradition’s beginnings, the influence of the identified founder, and the cultural diversities evident in the history of each of the distinctive religious traditions, as well as the interconnectedness and influence of each of three religions upon the others. The course will conclude with a consideration of the contemporary situations faced by the traditions including their engagements with modernity and one another as global historic traditions in a changing world.
Prerequisite: none.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Global, Experiential Learning Requirement, Kent Core Humanities, Transfer Module Humanities

REL 31065  COMPARATIVE RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE  3 Credit Hours
Examination of the phenomena of religious experience, its structure, ramifications and expression in myth and ritual.
Prerequisite: REL 11020 or REL 21021.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 31075  RELIGION AND WOMEN  3 Credit Hours
This course serves to provide students with an opportunity to examine the status of women as concerns authoritative texts, politics, doctrines, and institutions through the critical study of the history, texts and artifacts of selected traditional religions with the use of multidisciplinary and cross-cultural approaches concerning the experience, contributions, topics and status of women both historically and in contemporary contexts.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 31091  SEMINAR: RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum 6 credit hours) An inquiry into the influences of modernity in the conception, valuation and/or interpretation of religious convictions, beliefs, symbolizations, institutions and artifacts (including texts). Students with junior standing should contact the director of the Religion Studies program for a pre-requisite override, if necessary.
Prerequisite: REL 11020 or REL 21021.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 40095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN RELIGION STUDIES  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit when topics vary) Special topics seminar in religion studies.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 40096  INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Individual investigation in religion studies.
Prerequisite: Special approval.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 3-9 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 41010  RELIGION VIOLENCE AND TERROR  3 Credit Hours
The course explores a variety of religions focusing on the themes of violence and terror. The examination employs different academic approaches to selected historic examples and their underlying causes.
Prerequisites: REL 11020 or REL 21021
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

REL 41091  SEMINAR IN ADVANCED COMPARATIVE RELIGION  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours) An advanced examination of pivotal issues, schools and theorists in the study of religion and the future of comparative studies. Variable Content.
Prerequisite: junior standing or higher; at least one of either REL 11020 or REL 21021; and at least one of REL 31065 or REL 31091 with a minimum required course grade of C or higher.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
REL 51091    SEMINAR IN ADVANCED COMPARATIVE RELIGION    3
Credit Hours
(Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours) An advanced examination
of pivotal issues, schools and theorists in the study of religion and the
future of comparative studies. Variable content.
Prerequisite: graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter