

# Religious Studies (RELIGST)

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## Courses

### RELIGST 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to fifteen freshmen.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

### RELIGST 90A Introductory Topics in Religious Studies 4 Units

Selected introductory topics in the study of religion.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

### RELIGST 90B Introductory Topics in Religious Studies 4 Units

Selected introductory topics in the study of religion.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

RELIGST C90B Introductory Topics in Religious Studies 4 Units  
Selected introductory topics in the study of religion.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Dalmia

**Also listed as:** S, SEASN C51

### RELIGST C103 Religion of Ancient Egypt 3 Units

A survey of the religious beliefs of the ancient Egyptians, based primarily upon the written sources.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 18 or consent of instructor

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** NE STUD C103

### RELIGST C104 Babylonian Religion 3 Units

A survey of Babylonian religious beliefs and practices based on indigenous texts and monuments.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** NE STUD C104

RELIGST C108 Scandinavian Myth and Religion 4 Units  
Religious beliefs and practices during the Viking Age in Scandinavia and their manifestations in later recordings. Readings and discussion in English.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** SCANDIN C160

RELIGST C109 Celtic Mythology and Oral Tradition 4 Units  
The course will introduce students to the pre-Christian beliefs of the Celtic and Indo-European worlds, to the historical narratives in which such beliefs are embedded, and to the methodology of investigating ancient and medieval belief systems.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** CELTIC C168

RELIGST C118 Western Mysticism: Religion, Art, and Literature 4 Units  
The course will focus on examples of mystical thought from the traditions of Christian and Jewish mysticism since the Middle Ages. In addition to the introduction of the students to basic texts and concepts we will discuss the effects of mystical thought on art and literature from the Middle Ages up to today.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Largier

**Also listed as:** GERMAN C113

RELIGST C119 The English Bible As Literature 4 Units  
Introduction to the English Bible treated as a literary work.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** ENGLISH C107

RELIGST C124 The Renaissance and the Reformation 4 Units  
European history from the fourteenth to the middle of the seventeenth century. Political, social, and economic developments during this transitional period will be examined, together with the rise of Renaissance culture, and the religious upheavals of the sixteenth century.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** 157

**Also listed as:** HISTORY C157

RELIGST C132 Jewish Civilization I: The Biblical Period 4 Units  
This is the first course in a four-course sequence in the history of Jewish culture and civilization. It covers the biblical period and the period up to the destruction of the second temple. This course will explore the current state of our knowledge, including the legacy of ancient Near Eastern myth and religion, the history of Israelite religion, the literary features of biblical narrative, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** NE STUD C135

**RELIGST C133 Judaism in Late Antiquity 4 Units**

This class will examine the emergence and development of classical Judaism, its piety, institutions, thought, and literature.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** NE STUD C133/UGIS C153

**RELIGST C135 Jewish Civilization: Modern Period 4 Units**

This is the fourth course in a four-course sequence in the history of Jewish culture and civilization. It explores the major themes in Jewish history from 1750 to the present, with special attention paid to the transformation of Jewish communal and individual identity in the modern world. Topics to be treated include the breakdown of traditional society, enlightenment and emancipation, assimilation, Hasidism, racial anti-Semitism, colonialism, Zionism, and contemporary Jewish life in Europe, North America, and Israel. The multicultural nature of Jewish history will be highlighted throughout the course through the treatment of non-European Jewish narratives alongside the more familiar Ashkenazi perspective.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** HISTORY C175B/UGIS C155

**RELIGST C161 Religion in Early India 4 Units**

Designed as a two-semester sequence, these courses are an introduction to the religions that have their origin on the Indian subcontinent--Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, and tribal religions--as well as those that originated in other regions such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism. Organizing this material chronologically rather than teaching it by separate religious traditions facilitates comparisons and promotes an understanding not only of the differences among these religions but also some of their commonalities in philosophy, theology, and praxis.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** S ASIAN C127

**RELIGST C162 Religion in South India 3 Units**

The development and practice of religion in South India. Emphasis will be on sources translated directly from Indian languages. Subjects covered include: the indigenous religion, the effect of Brahmanical religion, movements, and the practice of Hinduism in modern South India.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** G. Hart

**Also listed as:** S ASIAN C141

**RELIGST C165 Hindu Mythology 4 Units**

Literary and religious aspects of Hindu myths. Reading of selected mythological texts in translation.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Goldman

**Formerly known as:** 140

**Also listed as:** S ASIAN C140

**RELIGST C166 India's Great Epics: The Mahabharata and the Ramayana 4 Units**

The course entails substantial selected readings from the great Sanskrit epic poems--the Mahabharata and the Ramayana in translation, selected readings from the corpus of secondary literature on Indian epic studies as well as lectures on salient issues in both. Discussion will focus on a variety of historical and theoretical approaches to the study of the poems and their extraordinary influence on Indian culture. Readings will be supplemented with selected showings of popular cinematic and television versions of the epics.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 5A, 127, 140, or consent of instructor

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Goldman

**Also listed as:** S ASIAN C142

**RELIGST 173AC Gandhi and the Civil Rights Movement in America 3 Units**

This course surveys the impact of Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence and justice in American Civil Rights struggles. Through narratives, images from African American, itinerant Gandhian, and ethnic critics of race practice in American culture, we examine how Gandhian satyagraha shaped emergent civil resistance movements, as also the global appeal to nonviolent democracy. ACES component comprises internship with civil liberties partners that monitor local implementations of human rights treaties.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Bilimoria

**Also listed as:** AFRICAM 173AC

**RELIGST C182 Sociology of Religion 4 Units**

The course will locate the place of religious consciousness in human action and then survey comparatively and historically the role that religion has played in human society. Will include a general theory of the nature of religious experience, religious symbolism, and the basis of religious community.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 1, 3, 3AC or consent of instructor

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** SOCIOL C112

**RELIGST 190 Topics in the Study of Religion 4 Units**

Selected topics or problems in the study of religion.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**RELIGST H195A Honors Course 3 Units**

Course may take one or two semesters at the option of the instructor and student with credit to be earned upon completion of a successful thesis. Successful completion of the course will normally, but not necessarily, mean the awarding of honors.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**RELIGST H195B Honors Course 3 Units**

Course may take one or two semesters at the option of the instructor and student with credit to be earned upon completion of a successful thesis. Successful completion of the course will normally, but not necessarily, mean the awarding of honors.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**RELIGST 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units**

Tutorial instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

**RELIGST 199 Supervised Independent Study 1 - 4 Units****Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Religious Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.