RLST - Religious Studies

RLST 100D. Intro to the Study of Religion. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The great themes of the world's religions and the methodological approaches to the academic study of religion and culture.

RLST 110D. Religion, Conflict & Politics. 4 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- This course will focus on issues in which political events and conflict have had their roots in religion or in interpretations of religion.

RLST 201. Islam. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
The textual traditions and historical forms of Islam will be studied from literary, historical, archaeological, and/or cultural perspectives.

RLST 202D. Hindu Traditions. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The sacred texts and the historical forms of religious thought and practice in the traditions of India.

RLST 203D. Buddhist Traditions. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The sacred texts and images of the religious thought and practices in the traditions of China, Korea, India, Southeast Asia, and/or Japan.

RLST 204H. Intro to the Hebrew Bible. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and its interpreters will be studied from literary, historical, archaeological, anthropological, and cultural perspectives.

RLST 205H. Introduction to New Testament. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The New Testament and its interpreters will be studied from literary, historical, archaeological, anthropological, and cultural perspectives.

RLST 206H. Origins of God. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The history and roots and of varieties of concepts of the divine in various religious traditions.

RLST 207H. Myth and Belief. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The study of religion through story and image from their early contexts to their re-imagined forms. We will examine riddles such as myth and metaphor within a demythologized or literal worldview. We will apply and critique theorists of myth and of metaphor to topics such as the monster or the trickster, and to themes such as cosmogony or metamorphosis.

RLST 217H. Religion, Sci & Environment. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
-- The interdisciplinary course investigates models for interpreting the relationship of religion, science, and nature using cultural, textual, and historical approaches. The purpose of this course is neither to examine nor to critique the conclusions of scientific work; neither is it a course in theology or a testing ground for faith.

RLST 223H. Sacrifice, Rite & Ritual. 3 Credits. (1 Lec)
-- The course explores how nature may be an idea shaped by cultural influences or worldviews. Analyses will include perspectives on myth, scientific theories, technologies, gender, geography, history and politics, film, literary and visual studies.

RLST 291. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1 Lec; 12 cr max)
Max 12 cr. PREREQUISITE: None required but some may be determined necessary by each offering department. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.

RLST 321. Religion and Gender. 3 Credits. (2 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Any RLST or PHL course. Investigation of metaphors and myths of gender and world cultures.

RLST 325. Religion and Literature. 3 Credits. (3 Sem)
PREREQUISITE: At least two 200 level courses in any one or combination of Religious Studies, English, Humanities, Modern Languages, or permission of the instructor. This course explores the intersection of religion with literary and other narrative cultures, with a focus on close reading and the interpretation of texts.

RLST 326. Topics in Religion. 3 Credits. (3 Sem)
PREREQUISITE: Any RLST course. Charismatic individuals, whether they found, reform, or depart from existing tradition, are an important feature of religion worldwide. This course examines such persons from different disciplinary perspectives. Topics may include guru culture; religion and colonialism; mystical experience and more.

RLST 330. Religion of Ancient Egypt. 3 Credits. (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Any RLST course. Survey of Egyptian culture, religion, and society from the beginning of the history of a unified kingdom of ancient Egypt in the middle of the third millennium BCE through the Hellenistic conquest of Egypt by Alexander the Great.
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