

RELIGION AND JEWISH STUDIES COURSES, FALL 2012

(HP) RELI 10 What is Religion? Julie Byrne TR 12:45-2:10 and 4:40-5:55PM

This course will introduce students to the academic study of religion. Learn about the historical, scriptural, ritual and theological claims of (at least) two distinct religious traditions.

(HP,CC) RELI 14F (FYC) Illusion, Magic & Disenchantment Sophie Hawkins MW 11:15-1:10PM

In recent years, religion, death, race, consciousness, democracy, truth and reality itself, have all been declared to be "illusions". In this course, you will study illusions as a means to enrich critical thinking. Illusions often "work" by revealing one truth while concealing another; this seminar will focus on how to negotiate these contested truths.

(CC) RELI 19 Introduction to Buddhism Kumiko Endo TR 4:30-5:55 and 6:30-7:55PM

An introduction to a wide range of Buddhist ideas and practices that have developed over time with focus on southern Asia. In addition to studying various Buddhist literary and artistic expressions, we will discuss Buddhism's transfer from Asia to the West.

(HP) RELI 22/JWST 15R Judaism: Biblical & Rabbinic Origins David Kaufman TR 12:45-2:10

The Jewish heritage in terms of its beliefs, laws, and folkways as reflected in classical and modern Hebrew literature.

Credit is given for RELI 22 or JWST15R.

(IS)JWST 60-Comedy of Difference: Jewish Humor in America David Kaufman TR 2:20-3:45

Enjoy an interdisciplinary and multimedia look at Jewish humor. Like all comedy, Jewish humor deals with the central themes of the human experience: family, love, sex, religion, politics, prejudice, identity and other cultural norms. Jewish humor is a central element of modern Jewish culture and its study sheds light on contemporary Jewish culture.

Same as CLL 120. Credit for this course or CLL 120, not both.

(HP) RELI 67 Evil: Religious, Philosophic & Scientific Perspectives John Teehan MW 2:55-4:20

If God is good, then why is the world filled with such evil? Is the reality of evil an argument against the existence of God? In this course we will examine how both religious thinkers and secular philosophers have come to terms with evil.

This course is the same as PHI 67. Credit will be given for either RELI 67 or PHI 67.

(CC) RELI 75 Mysticism and the Spiritual Quest Ann Burlein MW 2:55-4:20PM

This course will explore the history of the concept of mysticism. We will focus on women medieval mystics in Christianity, Tibetan Buddhist practices of visualization, and Rastafarianism.

Same as PHI 102. Credit given for this course or PHI 102, not both.

(HP) RELI 76 History of Irish Spirituality Phyllis Zagano MW 4:30-5:55PM

This course explores the history of Irish mysticism and spirituality and relates them to other important topics in Irish history and literature.

(CC) RELI 103 Warrior Saints Balbinder Bhogal TR 12:45-2:10PM

This course will introduce the student to the phenomena, beliefs, practices and central teachings of Sikhism; the main focus will be the often misunderstood alliance between politics and mysticism.

(HP,CC) RELI 104 Buddhist Thought Balbinder Bhogal TR 9:35-11:00

This course will explore and examine core Buddhist ideas and their interpretation and development within and across major schools of Buddhism. An outline of the key ideas and concepts will be critically explored, with an emphasis on assessing their relevance for today.

Prerequisites: Any one of the following courses: RELI 15, RELI 16, RELI 19, RELI 75, RELI 80, RELI 103, RELI 118, PHI 17, PHI 60, PHI 102, PHI 103, Geog 114 OR permission from Dr. Bhogal.

(HP) RELI 109 Sex and the Body in Religion Ann Burlein MW 4:30-5:55PM

This course introduces the major contemporary theoretical moves scholars use to help them think about the force of sexuality and the body in religion. The bulk of the class involves close readings of selected contemporary theorists and issues. We will also explore the role of sexuality in several world religions.

ATTN RELIGION MAJORS: RELI 150 Approaches to the Study of Religion is a required course. In Fall 2012 RELI 150 will be offered in a tutorial setting with Dr. Burlein. You will sign up for **RELI 191 (CRN 90788)**. Contact Joanne Herlihy (relish@hofstra.edu or 104 Heger Hall) for instructions. **IF YOU ARE GRADUATING IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THE COURSE WILL BE OFFERED.**

RELI 192 Internship in Religion 1-6 variable credit. See department chair.

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SPECIAL ELECTION TOPICS FOR FALL 2012!!!

(HP) RELI 14F (FYC) Visions of Malcolm X Julie Byrne TR 2:20-3:45PM

This course introduces students to Malcolm X, via his autobiography, a new biography by Manning Marable, and Spike Lee's 1992 film X. These sources will be supplemented with online resources about Malcolm X and with field trips to Harlem and the Schomburg.

(HP) RELI 77 Religion & Media Hussein Rashid TR 9:35-11:00AM

This course explores how religious discourse shapes the Presidential Election. We will look at Islamophobia, homophobia, and Christianity. The first part of the course will look at events as they unfold, from television, Twitter, blogs, and magazine articles. After the election, we will focus on the historical context of many of the cultural debates, from the Know Nothings to Park51.

Take thematic courses (Vocational Bridges) that complement your career goals!

-Religion, Health and Healing

-Religion, Art and Media

-Religious Diversity and Global Politics