RELIGIOUS STUDIES (REL)

REL-1010 Introduction to Religious Studies
3 Credits
Comprehensive introduction to concepts of religion, attributes of God, myth and symbol, faith and reason, rituals, and overview of major historical religions.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): None.
OAN Approved: TMAH.

REL-179H Honors Contact in Religious Studies
1 Credit
Honors Contract complements and exceeds requirements and expected outcomes for an existing 1000-level honors course through formulation of a contract with a faculty mentor. This independent study at the honors level may also be taken with a non-honors course. When taken with a non-honors course the Honors Contract adds an honor experience to that course. In conjunction with a faculty mentor, student will formulate a contract, which upon completion will result in distinctive scholarship. The student is required to meet on a regularly scheduled basis with the instructor for mentor-student tutorial sessions. A maximum of six Honor Contracts (six credit hours) may be taken at the college (includes 179H and 279H).
Lecture: 1 hours
Prerequisite(s): Must be taken concurrently with a 1000-level course whose instructor agrees to mentor the student in this contract. Departmental approval required.

REL-1820 Independent Study/Research in Religious Studies
1-3 Credits
Directed individual study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

REL-182H Honors Independent Study/Research in Religious Studies
1-3 Credits
Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test, and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.

REL-2010 Religious Traditions of Western Christianity
3 Credits
Comprehensive introduction to history, writings, teachings, and liturgical practices of Western Christianity. Includes historical Jesus, new testament church, patristic church, medieval church, Protestant Reformation, and Church today (including ecumenical concerns following Second Vatican Council).
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II, or appropriate score on English Placement Test.
OAN Approved: TMAH.

REL-2020 Religious Traditions of Judaism
3 Credits
Comprehensive introduction to history, writings, teachings, and liturgical practices of Judaism. Includes historical background, Old Testament, special Jewish festivals, and Judaism's adaptation to modern society.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II, or appropriate score on English Placement Test.
OAN Approved: TMAH.

REL-2060 African-American Religious Experience
3 Credits
Comprehensive introduction to religious movements and institutions of African-Americans from period of slavery to present. Includes historical background, Protestantism, Islam, civil rights movement and modern role of religion in African-American life.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II, or appropriate score on English Placement Test.
OAN Approved: TMAH.

REL-279H Sophomore Honors Contract
1 Credit
Sophomore Honors Contract in Religious Studies complements and exceeds requirements and expected outcomes for an existing REL-2000-level course (not an honors course) through formulation of a contract with a faculty mentor. In conjunction with a faculty mentor, student will formulate a contract that upon completion will result in distinctive scholarship appropriate to honors 2000-level. In order to complete the contract, student is required to meet on a regularly scheduled basis with instructor offering the contract for mentor-student tutorial sessions. A maximum of six Honors Contracts (six credits) may be taken at the College (includes 179H and 279H).
Lecture: 1 hours
Prerequisite(s): Must be taken concurrently with a 2000-level course (not an honors course) through formulation of a contract with a faculty mentor. Departmental approval required.

REL-2820 Independent Advanced Study/Research in Religious Studies
1-3 Credits
Directed individual advanced study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.
REL-282H Advanced Honors Independent Study/Research in Religious Studies
1-3 Credits
Advanced Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test, and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.