REL: Religion Courses

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REL 1300  World Religions
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Broad understanding of the major religious traditions. May include Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and others. Comparative study of similarities and differences among these traditions. Satisfies UWF Breadth requirement in Humanities. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement.

REL 2905  Directed Study
1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

REL 3142  New Perspectives on the Religious Self
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Focus on selected understandings of the nature of the self as a religious being. Various models of the self will be examined.

REL 3145  Women and Religion
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
An examination of the complex relationships that exist between women and religion. The roles and status of women in Indigenous Traditions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam with special attention paid to fundamentalist forms of religion. The methodology is both comparative and cross-cultural. An important feminist value is to privilege the "experiences of others." To that end, we will hear the voices of women themselves. Beginning with the feminist challenge to male, disembodied, and immutable images of the divine, we will discover how religion both limits and empowers women. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement. Meets Multicultural Requirement.

REL 3213  Studies in Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Analysis of literature of ancient Israel, interrelation of faith and history, evolution of ethical monotheism from primitive beginnings to oracles of prophets. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement.

REL 3241  Studies in the New Testament
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Exegetical study of literature of the early Christian community with emphasis on life and teaching of Jesus and letters of Paul from variety of theological perspectives. Meets Gordon Rule Writing Requirement.

REL 3310  Philosophies of the East
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

REL 3905  Directed Study
1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

REL 3948  Service Learning Field Study II
1-3 sh (may be repeated for up to 4 sh of credit)
Placement in community agency or other social organizational setting related to field of study. Supervision by faculty and agency. Students and faculty "customize" courses to fit a full range of services that are available in the setting. Student must be able to draw correlation between the discipline and field study. Journal and reflective experience paper are required. With the agreement of the student's faculty sponsor, a minimum of 4-6 hours per week must be done at the field site per semester hour of credit. Permission is required.

REL 4420  Contemporary Theology
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Types of theology: fundamentalism, liberalism and neo-orthodoxy. Current trends: religious atheism (Nietzsche, Altizer), secular theology (Bonhoeffer, Cox), process theology (Whitehead, Chardin), existential theology (Tillich, Bultmann), personalism (Bertocci, DeWolf), liberation theology (Gutierrez, Boff).

REL 4441  Current Religious Issues
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Significant personal and social concerns viewed from religious perspectives: race relations, medical practices, sexuality, war and terrorism, ecological crisis and non-Western religions.

REL 4592  Development of Christian Thought
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Beginning with the early Christian communities in Rome and Jerusalem, the course explores the development of the Christian faith and thought with an emphasis on the relationship between philosophy and theology. The impact of cultural and social-political changes over the centuries and how they affected life in the Christian communities are examined. Meets Multicultural Requirement.

REL 4905  Directed Study
1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)