

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Summer 2008

First session:

101 World Religions in History (3)

(#001)

Byrns 9:45-11:15 MTWRF

This course begins with an introduction to the academic study of religion. We will compare Religious Studies with Theology and theistic with secular and atheistic approaches. From there, we will go on to examine and compare five world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Particular attention will be drawn to the rich internal diversity and complexity of each set of traditions. Discussions and readings will focus on case studies exploring both historical and contemporary phases. Writing-emphasis course. (CC)

101 World Religions in History (3) (#004)

Blevins 5:00-8:15 TR

This is a broad survey course and will present the major features of several world religions. We will pay special attention to the histories, teachings, and practices of indigenous traditions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We will also survey trends and factors that affect religion in the 21st century. Quizzes, final exam, final paper. Writing-emphasis course. (CC)

102 Comparison of World Religions (3) (#001)

Lunden 5:00-8:15 MW

This introduction to religion in culture and society focuses on the interpretation of and response to ethical issues and common themes within a number of religious traditions. Reflection and dialogue regarding contemporary ethical issues (e.g., the ecological crisis, global economics, war, sexual orientation) place these religions in a 21st century context. Writing emphasis course. (CC)

102 Comparison of World Religions (3) (#004)

Gooding 3:15-6:30 TR

Introduction to religion in culture and society, focusing on cross-cultural interpretation and the treatment of common problems and themes within religious traditions. Writing-emphasis course. (CC)

Second session:

101 World Religions in History (3) (#005)

Pinder 9:45-11:15 MTWRF

This course is an introduction to world religions in culture and society, reflecting on their history and the impact of each tradition in the world today. Writing emphasis course. (CC)

101 World Religions in History (3) (#007)

Blevins 5:00-8:15 TR

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102 The Comparison of World Religions (3) (#003)

Lunden 5:00-8:15 TR

This introduction to religion in culture and society focuses on the interpretation of and response to ethical issues and common themes within a number of religious traditions. Reflection and dialogue regarding contemporary ethical issues (e.g., the ecological crisis, global economics, war, sexual orientation) place these religions in a 21st century context. Writing emphasis course. (CC)