

# RELIGION (REL)

## REL 11020 INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM) 3 Credit Hours

A study of the religious impulse as it manifests itself in the plurality of beliefs, practices and institutions of the world religions.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**Attributes:** Diversity Global, Experiential Learning Requirement, Kent Core Humanities, Transfer Module Humanities

## REL 12020 INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE 3 Credit Hours

Course introduces students to the literature of the New Testament and to the early Christian communities in which the works were formulated. Of focused interest is the critical study of the content of the texts, with close consideration of the historical and literary influences on the composition and reception of the gospel traditions as regards their presentations of the life, ministry and person of Jesus, and the letters of Paul. The post-Pauline pastoral epistles, and various later works included in the collection are briefly examined.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

## REL 21021 MOSES, JESUS AND MOHAMMAD (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM) 3 Credit Hours

An in-depth exploration of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, considering the circumstances of each tradition's beginnings, the influence of the identified founder, and the cultural diversities evident in the history of each of the distinctive religious traditions, as well as the inter-connectedness and influence of each of three religions upon the others. Course concludes with a consideration of the contemporary situations faced by the traditions, including their engagements with modernity and one another as global historic traditions in a changing world.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**Attributes:** Diversity Global, Experiential Learning Requirement, Kent Core Humanities, Transfer Module Humanities

## REL 31065 COMPARATIVE RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE 3 Credit Hours

Examination of the phenomena of religious experience, its structure, ramifications and expression in myth and ritual.

**Prerequisite:** REL 11020 or REL 21021.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

## REL 31075 RELIGION AND WOMEN 3 Credit Hours

Course serves to provide students with an opportunity to examine the status of women as concerns authoritative texts, politics, doctrines and institutions through the critical study of the history, texts and artifacts of selected traditional religions with the use of multidisciplinary and cross-cultural approaches concerning the experience, contributions, topics and status of women – both historically and in contemporary contexts.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

## REL 40095 SPECIAL TOPICS IN RELIGION STUDIES 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Special topics seminar in religion studies.

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Contact Hours:** 3 other

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

## REL 40096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION 1-3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) Individual investigation in religion studies.

**Prerequisite:** Special approval.

**Schedule Type:** Individual Investigation

**Contact Hours:** 3-9 other

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

## REL 41010 RELIGION, VIOLENCE AND TERROR 3 Credit Hours

(Slashed with REL 51010) Course explores a variety of religions focusing on the themes of violence and terror. The examination employs different academic approaches to selected historic examples and their underlying causes.

**Prerequisite:** Junior or Senior Standing.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

## REL 41091 SEMINAR IN ADVANCED COMPARATIVE RELIGION 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with REL 51091) Variable content course that is an advanced examination of pivotal issues, schools and theorists in the study of religion and the future of comparative studies.

**Prerequisite:** Junior or senior standing.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Contact Hours:** 3 other

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**REL 42091 RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD 3 Credit Hours**

(Slashed with REL 52091) (Repeatable for credit) An inquiry into the influences of modernity in the conception, valuation and-or interpretation of religious convictions, beliefs, symbolizations, institutions and artifacts (including texts). The study of Religion in the Modern World is a complex undertaking offering multiple foci with multiple attending disciplines and approaches to the inquiry. Given the plurality of foci and approaches, instructors may choose to address any number of the common topics associated with the evolution of religions in the modern world. Examples include: religion and science -- from cosmology (Gallio, Newton, to black holes) to the origins and evolution of the human species (Darwin), or religion and society, or religion and the modern state, or religion and industrial society, or religion in a modern world of pluralism and multicultural societies as well as the religious reactions against science, modern multicultural societies, the modern state and the changing legal status of women, minorities, and children, and the rise of fundamentalism.

**Prerequisite:** Junior or Senior standing.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Contact Hours:** 3 other

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**REL 51010 RELIGION, VIOLENCE AND TERROR 3 Credit Hours**

(Slashed with REL 41010) Course explores a variety of religions focusing on the themes of violence and terror. The examination employs different academic approaches to selected historic examples and their underlying causes.

**Prerequisite:** Graduate studies.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**REL 51091 SEMINAR IN ADVANCED COMPARATIVE RELIGION 3 Credit Hours**

(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with REL 41091) Variable content course that is an advanced examination of pivotal issues, schools and theorists in the study of religion and the future of comparative studies.

**Prerequisite:** Graduate standing.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Contact Hours:** 3 other

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**REL 52091 RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD 3 Credit Hours**

(Slashed with REL 42091) (Repeatable for credit) An inquiry into the influences of modernity in the conception, valuation and-or interpretation of religious convictions, beliefs, symbolizations, institutions and artifacts (including texts). The study of Religion in the Modern World is a complex undertaking offering multiple foci with multiple attending disciplines and approaches to the inquiry. Given the plurality of foci and approaches, instructors may choose to address any number of the common topics associated with the evolution of religions in the modern world. Examples include: religion and science -- from cosmology (Gallio, Newton, to black holes) to the origins and evolution of the human species (Darwin), or religion and society, or religion and the modern state, or religion and industrial society, or religion in a modern world of pluralism and multicultural societies as well as the religious reactions against science, modern multicultural societies, the modern state and the changing legal status of women, minorities, and children, and the rise of fundamentalism.

**Prerequisite:** Graduate studies.

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**Contact Hours:** 3 lecture

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter