

RELIGIOUS DIMENSIONS

Courses in the Religious Dimensions domain offer students the opportunity to explore the explicitly religious dimensions of life and culture. These dimensions are found in the culturally embedded narratives, beliefs and practices of particular religions, as well as in encounters with realities perceived to be ultimate or sacred. Through myth, symbol, ritual and doctrine, these religions not only provide order and meaning, they also carry capacities to challenge and transform individuals and societies. Intellectual and social maturity requires understanding the unique contributions, both positive and negative, of the religious traditions of the world to culture and consciousness as well as coming to terms with ultimacy. This Learning Domain offers courses with a comparative, thematic, or ethical focus, as well as courses in specific traditions.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Explain beliefs and practices of one or more religious traditions in their specific social and cultural contexts.
 - In courses in which the focus is on one religious tradition, describe the diversity of strands within the tradition and explain with significant depth the modes of interpretation of the world the tradition offers both to adherents and to others.
- Identify religious modes of thinking, acting, and feeling such as: myth and narrative, symbol, ritual, law, doctrine, ethics, religious experience.
- Analyze the impact of religion on personal as well as communal dimensions of human life, including for example the relationship between religion and power, social integration, social transformation, and social justice.

Courses

Below please find examples of courses previously offered for Religious Dimensions credit. For information on current offerings, please consult Campus Connect.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
African & Black Diaspora Studies		
ABD 215	THE AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE	4
ABD 233	SURVEY OF AFRICAN DIASPORIC INTELLECTUAL THOUGHT	4
ABD 243	BLACK RELIGION AND CHICAGO	4
ABD 300	AFRICAN ISLAM: ISLAMIC ART & ARCHITECTURE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	4
Asian Studies, Global		
AAS 211	BUDDHIST ART	4
AAS 221	RELIGION IN SOCIETY: SOUTH ASIA	4
AAS 222	RELIGION AND CONFLICT IN SOUTH ASIA	4
AAS 224	HINDU THOUGHT AND CULTURE	4
AAS 239	RELIGION AND ETHICS IN JAPANESE FOODSCAPES	4
AAS 241	RELIGION IN CHINESE HISTORY, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE	4
AAS 242	LITERATURE AND RELIGION IN CHINA	4

AAS 243	BUDDHIST THOUGHT IN CULTURAL CONTEXT	4
AAS 244	TRADITIONS OF CHINESE POPULAR CULTURE	4
AAS 245	RELIGION IN JAPANESE HISTORY, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE	4
AAS 247	LITERATURE AND RELIGION IN JAPAN	4
AAS 259	RELIGION IN MANGA AND ANIME	4
Catholic Studies		
CTH 110	THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE	4
CTH 180	INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM	4
CTH 181	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD CATHOLICISM	4
CTH 182	THE LATINO RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES	4
CTH 183	THEMES IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT	4
CTH 190	METHODS OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION	4
CTH 202	CATHOLICS AND SCRIPTURE	4
CTH 203	WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE	4
CTH 209	THEORIES OF THE CHURCH: CONCEPTS AND CONTROVERSIES	4
CTH 212	ANCIENT ISRAEL: HISTORY, LITERATURE AND RELIGION	4
CTH 213	THE NEW TESTAMENT	4
CTH 214	THE HISTORICAL JESUS	4
CTH 226	ROMAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL LITERATURE	4
CTH 231	ROMAN CATHOLIC LITURGY	4
CTH 241	VIRTUE ETHICS	4
CTH 243	ROMAN CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL THINKING	4
CTH 244	DEBATES ABOUT GOD	4
CTH 247	ROMAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT IN CONTEXT	4
CTH 248	CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES	4
CTH 249	NATURE, COSMOS AND GOD: CATHOLICISM AND SCIENCE	4
CTH 252	BYZANTINE ART	4
CTH 265	LITERATURE AND THE SACRED	4
CTH 270	JESUS ACROSS CULTURES	4
CTH 274	IRELAND: RELIGION AND THE CONTEMPORARY "TROUBLES"	4
CTH 276	CATHOLICISM IN AFRICA	4
CTH 290	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF VINCENT DE PAUL	4
CTH 293	NOTABLE VINCENTIAN WOMEN	4
Chinese		
CHN 212E	HUMAN AND NATURE: CHINESE ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS	4
Geography		
GEO 204	RELIGIOUS GEOGRAPHY	4
History of Art and Architecture		
HAA 220	BUDDHIST ART	4
HAA 222	ISLAMIC ART	4
HAA 234	BYZANTINE ART	4

HAA 302	AFRICAN ISLAM: ISLAMIC ART & ARCHITECTURE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	4	REL 113	THE LATINO RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES	4
History			REL 115	THE AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE	4
HST 218	EARLY CATHOLIC HISTORY: ORIGINS AND EXPANSION	4	REL 116	INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM	4
HST 219	CATHOLIC HISTORY FROM MEDIEVAL TO MODERN: REFORM AND REVOLUTION	4	REL 142	HINDU RELIGIOUS WORLDS	4
Irish Studies			REL 143	BUDDHIST RELIGIOUS WORLDS	4
IRE 103	IRELAND: RELIGION AND THE CONTEMPORARY "TROUBLES"	4	REL 161	NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS	4
IRE 107	RELIGIOUS GEOGRAPHY	4	REL 171	INTRODUCTION TO THE QUR'AN	4
Islamic World Studies			REL 180	INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM	4
IWS 116	INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM	4	REL 183	THEMES IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT	4
IWS 171	INTRODUCTION TO THE QUR'AN	4	REL 190	SACRED TEXTS	4
IWS 190	SACRED TEXTS	4	REL 200	DEBATES ABOUT GOD	4
IWS 192	ISLAMIC WORLD STUDIES	4	REL 202	ATOM BOMB DISCOURSE	4
IWS 203	RELIGIOUS GEOGRAPHY	4	REL 205	COMPARATIVE ETHICS	4
IWS 217	ISLAMIC CULTURES AND SOCIETIES	4	REL 212	RELIGION AND POPULAR CULTURE	4
IWS 215	MUSLIMS IN AMERICAN FICTION AND FILM	4	REL 215	NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS	4
IWS 230	ISLAMIC FINANCE	4	REL 217	ISLAMIC CULTURES AND SOCIETIES	4
IWS 251	ISLAMIC ART	4	REL 218	BLACK INTELLECTUAL TRADITIONS	4
IWS 261	RELIGION AND CONFLICT IN SOUTH ASIA	4	REL 219	SLAVERY, RACE AND RELIGION	4
IWS 263	RELIGION AND POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST	4	REL 220	PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION	4
IWS 265	ISLAMIST POLITICAL MOVEMENTS	4	REL 221	RELIGION IN SOCIETY IN SOUTH ASIA	4
IWS 266	ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES	4	REL 223	LITERATURE AND THE SACRED	4
IWS 272	GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN MUSLIM CULTURES	4	REL 224	RELIGION AND POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES	4
IWS 278	HADITH: TRADITIONS OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD	4	REL 225	RELIGION AND THE ARTS	4
IWS 295	SHI'ITE ISLAM	4	REL 226	TECHNOLOGY, ETHICS AND SOCIETY	4
IWS 302	AFRICAN ISLAM: ISLAMIC ART & ARCHITECTURE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	4	REL 227	RELIGIOUS ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE	4
Latin American and Latino Studies			REL 228	BUSINESS, ETHICS AND SOCIETY	4
LST 113	LATINO RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES	4	REL 229	MEDICINE, ETHICS AND SOCIETY	4
LST 291	LOOKING FOR GOD IN LATIN AMERICA	4	REL 232	ANCIENT ISRAEL: HISTORY, LITERATURE, AND RELIGION	4
Management			REL 233	THE NEW TESTAMENT	4
MGT 228	BUSINESS, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY	4	REL 236	VARIETIES OF JUDAISM IN THE GREEK AND ROMAN WORLD	4
Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies			REL 237	GODS IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE	4
PAX 252	FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION	4	REL 238	THE HISTORICAL JESUS	4
PAX 253	DESPAIR AND HOPE	4	REL 239	RELIGION AND FILM	4
Political Science			REL 241	RELIGION IN CHINESE HISTORY, SOCIETY AND CULTURE	4
PSC 335	THEORIES OF THE CHURCH	4	REL 242	HINDU THOUGHT AND CULTURE	4
Religious Studies			REL 243	BUDDHIST THOUGHT IN CULTURAL CONTEXT	4
REL 103	RELIGIOUS WORLDS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE	4	REL 244	RELIGION AND ETHICS IN JAPANESE FOODSCAPES	4
REL 107	JUDAISM IN HISTORY: FROM THE BIBLE TO 1492	4	REL 245	RELIGION IN JAPANESE HISTORY, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE	4
REL 108	JUDAISM IN HISTORY: FROM 1492 TO PRESENT	4	REL 246	TRADITIONS OF CHINESE POPULAR CULTURE	4
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			REL 249	RELIGION IN MANGA AND ANIME	4
			REL 250	MYSTICISM IN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS	4

REL 251	THE IDEA OF "EVIL	4
REL 252	FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION	4
REL 253	DESPAIR AND HOPE	4
REL 257	DEATH AND ITS BEYOND: EXPERIENCE, MYTH AND RITUALS	4
REL 260	RELIGION AND POLITICAL CONFLICT	4
REL 261	RELIGION AND CONFLICT IN SOUTH ASIA	4
REL 262	RELIGION AND GLOBALIZATION	4
REL 263	RELIGION AND POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST	4
REL 264	COLONIZATION, RELIGION AND RESISTANCE	4
REL 265	ISLAMIST POLITICAL MOVEMENTS	4
REL 266	ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES	4
REL 268	MODERN JUDAISM	4
REL 270	WOMEN IN THE BIBLE	4
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REL 287	ROMAN CATHOLIC MORAL THOUGHT	4
REL 291	LIBERATION THEOLOGIES	4
REL 295	ISLAMIC THEOLOGICAL MOVEMENTS	4
REL 298	THEORY AND METHOD IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION	4
Russian		
RUS 213E	TEMPLARS OF THE PROLETARIAT": ESOTERIC TRADITIONS IN RUSSIA AND THE SOVIET UNION	4