

**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300) - ST: Intro to Buddhist Traditions**

This Special Topics course examines the variety of Buddhist traditions and doctrines as practiced around the world.

43019 Online Hickey, K.

**REL 4920 (Formerly REL 490) - Directed Readings in Religious Studies**

Individual study of topic(s) not covered in available courses. May be repeated for additional credit.

40365 Permission of coordinator Mabee, C.

**REL 4950 (Formerly REL 450) - Religious Community Project Internship**

Field placement in an approved religious community project. Field notes, regular consultation with the program director, and an analytical paper of the experience are part of the requirements.

40674 Permission of coordinator Mabee, C.

**Topics related to Religious Studies -**

**AN 3123 (Formerly REL 450) - Magic, Witchcraft and Religion**

Anthropological theories of magic, witchcraft and religion: human interaction with beings, creatures and forces that manifest extraordinary powers; folk beliefs of non-literate people; and transformation of social systems by religious movements.

44979 M 5:30-8:45 pm Gooren, H.

**Study Abroad**

Please note that a study abroad program exists in Israel as an archaeological field school and tour of the country. Students participate in three weeks of field school at an archaeological site. Partial funding is provided for students. Additional information is available by contacting the Oakland University Study Abroad office, or by emailing Dr. Michael Pytlik: pytlik@oakland.edu. This trip satisfies one area in the Judaic Studies minor requirements.

*REL 1150 and REL 1200 satisfy the general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area. Satisfy the university general education requirement for a writing intensive course in general education. Prerequisite for writing intensive: completion of the university writing foundation requirement.*  
*REL 1250 and REL 1850 satisfy the general education requirement in the global perspectives knowledge exploration area.*  
*REL 3140 satisfies the general education requirement in the knowledge applications integration area. Prerequisite for knowledge applications: completion of the general education requirement in the social science or the global perspective knowledge exploration area, not both.*  
*REL 3750 Satisfies the university general education requirement in the knowledge applications integration area. Prerequisite for knowledge applications: completion of the general education requirement in the natural science and technology knowledge exploration area.*

**REL 1100 (Formerly REL 100) — Introduction to Religion**

Critical, comparative study of the human religious experience, as well as an examination of various methodological approaches employed by academic disciplines in the study of religion.

40764 Online Fler, J.



**REL 1150 (Formerly REL 101) — Introduction to Islam**

Pre-Islamic Arabia, Muhammad and early Islamic history; the Qur'an and basic beliefs, practices and law; the Islamic Caliphate; Islam in the modern world and Muslims in America; women in Islam and other contemporary issues.

42344 TR 1:00-2:47 pm Lela, A.

**REL 1200 (Formerly REL 102) – Introduction to Judaism**

Religious beliefs, practices and philosophies embedded within the major historical experiences (Biblical and Diasporic) of Jewish people including main institutional branches of Judaism, central characteristics of Jewish culture, and their relationship with non-Jewish groups and societies.

41783 TR 10:00-11:47 am Klein, J.



**REL 1250 (Formerly REL 103) — Introduction to Christianity**

Key ideas, major concepts, and peculiar language of the Christian religious experience. Focus on history of Christianity, creeds and doctrines of various denominations, Christianity's cultural influences, and Christian ethical systems.

43138	MWF	8:00-9:07 am	Engle, R.
41408	MWF	9:20-10:27 am	Engle, R.
42445	MWF	1:20-2:27 pm	Engle, R.
43419	Primarily Online		Engle, R.
9/14/2019	S	8:00-11:20 am	
10/12/2019	S	8:00-11:20 am	
11/9/2019	S	8:00-11:20 am	
44105	Online		Mabee, C.

**REL 1850 (Formerly REL 150) – World Religious Traditions**

Examines the core teachings and practices of the world’s major religious traditions, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Chinese religions. Emphasis is on terminology developed within each tradition, identification of human problems that each attempts to solve, and the insights and problematic issues that arise from these attempts.

42448	Primarily Online		Fleer, J.
9/4/2019	W	5:30-8:50 pm	
10/2/2019	W	5:30-8:50 pm	
12/4/2019	W	5:30-8:50 pm	
40370	Online		Mabee, C.

**REL 3140 (Formerly REL 351) – Religion in the Modern World**

Focuses on key issues of religious life in the modern world. Examples of topics include the role of women in religious leadership, the relation of science and religion, religious fundamentalism, and religiously motivated acts of terrorism.

41490	MWF	10:40-11:47 am	Engle, R.
41491	Online		Mabee, C.



**REL 3410 (Formerly REL 303) - American Religious Experience**

Study of a variety of religious traditions (e.g., Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Islamic, Native American, Protestant) as these are understood and lived by followers within the modern pluralistic societies of North America. Also focuses on secularity, “NRM’s” (New Religious Movements), and the emergence of American-born spiritual communities of faith.

41473	Online		Mabee, C.
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**REL 3710 (Formerly REL 318) - Written Traditions of Judaism**

Examination of Jewish sacred texts and their development in Jewish history. Texts include the Hebrew Bible, Talmuds, early mystical works, devotional texts from medieval Europe, and the Kabbalah. Texts are in English translation. A significant emphasis is placed on reading and the meaning of these texts.

44952	Online		Pytlik, M.
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**REL 3750 (Formerly REL 355) — Science and Religion**

Examines the relationship between religion and modern science from an historical and contemporary perspective. Scientific descriptions of reality are compared and contrasted with contemporary expressions of religious belief.

43140	Online		Mabee, C.
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**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300) -ST: Introduction to Hinduism**

This Special Topics course will consider the doctrines and practices of Hinduism. The implications for Hinduism for caste and class considerations, gender, national identity, and political discourse are also explored.



44665	Online		Jayaprakash, S.
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**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300) - ST: Islamic Personal Law**

This Special Topics course will focus on elements of Islamic law that govern family issues such as; marital contracts, the dissolution of marriages, child custody and laws of wills and inheritance..

45000	TH	3:00-4:47 pm	Lela, A.
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**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300) - ST: Japanese Religions**

This Special Topics course will cover the evolution of Japanese Religions from the earliest times to the present.

43227	TR	3:00-4:47 pm	Londo, W.
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**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300) - ST: Monotheistic Mysticism**

This Special Topics course studies Monotheistic Mysticism.

44982	T	5:30-8:50 pm	Pytlik, M.
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**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300) - ST: Native American Religions**

This Special Topics course introduces students to key events and people in the study of Native American religions and explores concepts of power and ways of knowing, spanning from prehistory to Indian/European contact, and up to contemporary times.

44111	Online		Fleer, J.
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**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300) - ST: Sport and Religion**

This Special Topics course will consider how sport and religion interact. Explores the intersection between sport and religion and the surprising ways in which sport and religion reinforce one another in culture, politics, war, and other areas of human endeavor. Open to any interested student.

42118	Online		Fleer, J.
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