

REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300)

— ST: Religion in Current Events

This Special Topics course examines Religion in current events. This course examines the role of religious belief and practice in the arena of broader public issues and events. It is designed to enable students to discern the religious motivations and appeal underlying many of the pressing and divisive public issues of our time.

13975 Online Mabee, C.

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.

10582 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.

10785 Permission of coordinator Mabee, C.

Topics related to Religious Studies -

AN 3562 (Formerly AN 386) - Archaeology of Israel

LBS 5904 (Formerly LBS 513) - ST: Archaeology of Israel

Archaeology of sacred sites in the wider Near East beginning in the Neolithic period. Anthropological models concerning the archaeology of religion as a discipline are explored. Case studies include sacred sites relevant to Judaism, Christianity and Islam with an emphasis on the history of Jerusalem.

12955 T 5:30-8:50 pm Pytlik, M. (AN)

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.

Summer 02 Religious Studies Study Abroad opportunity - REL 3900—ST: Cross and Crown

The first half of the course, on campus lectures and readings, will provide the historical background of the Tudor monarchy that enables the students to understand and analyze the cultural development of England. The second portion of the course, 10 days in London, England, is designed to provide the vivid travel experience that immerses the students in English culture and encourages analysis of England's cultural development. Journaling and daily meetings will guide this understanding and analysis.

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.

11338 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.

11686 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.

10940 TR 1:00-2:47 pm Klein, J.
 12609 TR 3:00-4:47 pm Pytlik, M.



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.

13805 MWF 8:00-9:07 am Engle, R.
 15109 MWF 9:20-10:27 am Engle, R.
 12342 MWF 1:20-2:27 pm Engle, R.
 13807 Primarily Online Engle, R.
 1/11/2020 S 8:00-11:20 am
 2/8/2020 S 8:00-11:20 am
 3/14/2020 S 8:00-11:20 am
 13806 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.

12343	Primarily Online		Fleer, J.
1/7/2020	T	5:30-8:50 pm	
3/3/2020	T	5:30-8:50 pm	
4/14/2020	T	5:30-8:50 pm	
10581	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.

11500	MWF	10:40-11:47 am	Engle, R.
14613	Online		Fleer, J.
11501	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.

11687	Online		Fleer, J.
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REL 3440 (Formerly REL 421) - The Holocaust

Examines events and contributing factors culminating in the Holocaust. Specific topics include history of anti-Semitism in Europe, rise of Nazism in Germany, Nazi Jewish policies, Jewish life under Nazism, design and execution of the death camps, world response, and the meaning of the Holocaust.

15108	MWF	12:00-1:07 am	Greenspan, I.
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REL 3450 (Formerly REL 422) - Islam in America

Examination of the history, development, and challenges facing the Muslim community in the United States. Emphasis on the diversity of this community and its role in the greater Detroit area.

14614	TR	5:30-7:17 pm	Lela, A.
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REL 3700 (Formerly REL 317)— The Book of Genesis

Examination of the major themes in the Book of Genesis, including creation, relationship between people and God, and human nature. Course will incorporate archaeology, rabbinic and Christian commentary, and literary analysis.

12208	TR	10:00-11:47 am	Klein, J.
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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.

11499	Online		Mabee, C.
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**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.

12975	Online		Hickey, K.
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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 of caste and class considerations, gender, national identity and political discourse are also explored.

11890	Online		Jayaprakash, S.
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**REL 3900 (Formerly REL 300)
— ST: Islamic Personal Law**

This course focuses 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.

13810	TR	3:00-4:47 pm	Lela, A.
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