RELIGIOUS STUDIES FALL 2010 COURSE OFFERINGS

Course offerings subject to change.

**REL-R111: The Bible**
A critical introduction to the major periods, persons, events, and literatures that constitute the Bible; designed to provide general humanities-level instruction on this important text.

3:00-4:15 TR  K. Allanson  Location TBA
4:30-5:45 TR  K. Allanson  Location TBA
6:00-8:40 W   A. Ritterspach Location TBA

**REL-R133: Introduction to Religion**
Introduction to the diversity of traditions, values, and histories through which religion interacts with culture. Emphasis on understanding the ways the various dimensions of religion influence people’s lives.

9:00-10:15 MW  K. Hayes  Location TBA
10:30-11:45 MW  D. Craig  Location TBA
12:00-1:15 MW  D. Craig  Location TBA
1:30-2:45 MW   M. Condon Location TBA
3:00-4:15 MW   T. Foust  Location TBA
4:30-5:45 MW   Staff  Location TBA
9:00-10:15 TR  M. Condon Location TBA
10:30-11:45 TR  J. Flynn Location TBA
12:00-1:15 TR  S. Spear  Location TBA
1:30-2:45 TR   Staff  Location TBA
3:00-4:15 TR   A. Jain  Location TBA
4:30-5:45 TR   Staff  Location TBA
6:00-8:40 M    W. Husted Location TBA
6:00-8:40 M    T. Foust  Park 100 Business Center
6:00-8:40 T    J. Wolfe  Location TBA

**REL-R173: American Religion**
A consideration of American religion, with particular emphasis on the development of religious diversity and religious freedom in the context of the American social, political, and economic experience.

10:30-11:45 TR  R. Wheeler  Location TBA

**REL-R180: Introduction to Christianity**
Survey of beliefs, rituals, and practices of the Christian community with a focus on the varieties of scriptural interpretation, historical experience, doctrine, and behavior.
REL-R212: Comparative Religions
Approaches to the comparison of recurrent themes, religious attitudes, and practices found in selected Eastern and Western traditions.

10:30-11:45 MW  A. Farnsley  Location TBA
1:30-2:45 TR  M. Condon  Location TBA

REL-R243: Introduction to the New Testament
An introduction to the modern critical study of the New Testament from primarily a historical perspective. The goal is to learn to view these diverse Christian writings within the context of their historical and social settings.

12:00-1:15 MW  G. Snyder  Location TBA

REL-R257: Introduction to Islam
Introduction to the emergence and spread of Islamic religious traditions, including the Qur’an, Islamic law and ethics, and Islamic mysticism before 1500CE. Special emphasis on the creation in the middle ages of an international Islamic civilization—stretching from Mali to Indonesia—linked by trade, learning, and pilgrimage.

10:30-11:45 MW  E. Curtis  Location TBA

REL-R300: Religion and Healing
Course description TBA

12:00-1:15 MW  K. Hayes  Location TBA

REL-R312: American Religious Lives
A study of selected persons who shaped the religious ideas and practices of the American people. The course correlates the lives, ideas, and social contexts of influential religious leaders in the United States. Figures such as Jonathan Edwards, Abraham Lincoln, Dorothy Day, Isaac M. Wise, and Martin Luther King Jr. will be included.

3:00-4:15 TR  R. Wheeler  Location TBA

REL-R325: Paul and His Influence in Early Christianity
Life and thought of Paul, in the context of first-century Christian and non–Christian movements. Development of radical Paulinism and anti-Paulinism in the second century; their influence on the formation of Christianity.

1:30-2:45 MW  Snyder  Location TBA

REL-R343: Religion and Contemporary Thought
Contemporary religious and anti-religious thinkers, with emphasis on those whose writings have significantly influenced modern thinking about human beings, God, society, history, and ethics.
REL-R353: Judaism
Examination of the history of Judaism and its relationship to the Jewish special claim to chosenness. Primary emphasis placed on modern Judaism.

1:30-2:45 TR S. Spear Location TBA

REL-R353: Hinduism and Buddhism
Examination of the origins and cultural developments of classical Hinduism and Buddhism through studies of selected lives and writings, religious practices, and symbolism in the arts through explorations of these two worldviews as reflected in historical, literary, and ritual forms.

12:00-1:15 TR A. Jain Location TBA

REL-R367: American Indian Religions
Explores the religious traditions of the Indian tribes of the Americas with a special focus on the tribes of North America and specifically Indiana.

9:00-10:15 TR J. Flynn Location TBA

REL-R384: Religion, Ethics, and Health
The positions of religious ethical traditions on issues such as the control of reproduction, experimentation with human subjects, care of the dying, delivery of health care, physical and social environments, and heredity. May be repeated once for credit under different focus.

4:30-5:45 MW D. Craig Location TBA

REL-R400: Studies in Religion
Undergraduate-level directed readings course. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor.

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REL-R433: Theories of Religion
Theorists of religion explore the what, why, and how of religions. What is religion? Why are people religious? How do religions shape meaning in people’s lives, cultures, and societies? This advanced seminar examines classical to contemporary theories. Open to all majors. Fulfills Religious Studies senior capstone. Offered fall semesters.

3:00-4:15 MW E. Curtis Location TBA

REL-R533: Theories of Religion
Graduate seminar. See R433 for course description.

3:00-4:15 MW E. Curtis Location TBA

REL-R590: Directed Readings in Religious Studies
Graduate-level directed readings course. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor.

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