

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SUMMER 2022 CLASSES

Summer Interim (May 9-27)

Summer Online Courses (May 31- Aug 3)

Introduction to Religious Studies

REL 100.001 30350

Newton, MTWR 9:00-12:00 MA 207

Draws on a wide variety of examples to examine the definition of religion, insider/outsider problem, theories of religion, religion & law, etc.; ideal introduction to the study of religion in a public university. **HU**

REL 100.910/920 Intro to Religious Studies (HU)

REL 103.910/920 Religion in the News (HU)

REL 104.910/920 Religion in Pop Culture (HU)

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FALL 2022 CLASSES

UNDERGRAD LECTURES & SEMINARS

Introduction to Religious Studies

REL 100.001 43269

Touna, TR 9:30-10:45 LY 328

REL 100.002 43558

Szanto, TR 12:00-1:45 GP 208

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Religions of the World

REL 102.001 45156

Ramey, TR 11:00-12:15 NL 2009

Comparative study of practices and concepts identified as the world's religions; highlights ways individuals & communities across cultures organize lives and values. **HU**

Honors Introduction to Religious Studies

REL 105.001 44356

Staff, TR 11:00-12:15 GP 151

REL 105.002 47924

Staff, TR 2:00-3:15 GP 231

REL 105.003 44357

Staff, TR 9:30-10:45 PRH 210

Examines REL 100's material in greater detail & in small classes for Honors/Honors eligible students. 3.3 GPA required. **HU**

Introduction to the Old Testament

REL 110.001 47925

Jacobs, TR 12:30-1:45 BC 257

Introduction to the books of the Old Testament (also known as the Hebrew Bible) in their historical settings. **HU**

Religion, Politics, Law

REL 130.001 47926

Altman, TR 11:00-12:15 PRH 308

Examines the construction of religion through law, politics & the nation, introducing the role of religion in liberal political theory, secularism, & the rise of the nation. **HU**

Holocaust in Historical Perspective

REL 223.001 47927

Jacobs, TR 9:30-10:45 PRH 207

Explores the Holocaust (or Shoah) in light of historical antisemitism, the practice of genocide, covering responses to the Holocaust & the future of genocide.

African Diaspora Religions

REL 226.001 44358

Newton, TR 12:30-1:45 PRH 207

Examines African influence throughout the Americas (e.g., Candomblé in Brazil, Vodou in the Caribbean, African-American religions in North America), focusing on the interplay between religion, culture & politics. **HU**

Self, Society & Religion

REL 237.001 49786

McCutcheon MW 10:00-11:15 PRH 210

Examines the practical implications that differing definitions of religion have on individuals and groups, especially in liberal democracies.

Apocalypse in Popular Media

REL 240.001 47928

Trost, TR 11:00-12:45 PRH 207

Examines contemporary depictions of apocalypse and dystopia in popular media. **HU**

REL Goes to the Movies

REL 310.320 47929

*Staff, Aug 23rd, Sep 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 1st,
Nov 29th 6:00pm-9:00pm GP 208*

1 credit with monthly films/discussions; repeatable up to 3 hours. **Open to all students**; RSSA members are invited to attend all films.

Digital Humanities in REL

REL 315.001 47930

Wieringa, T 3:30-5:50 PRH 210

Students will learn a variety of digital tools and apply those to data drawn from religious studies. Students do not need a background in computing or religious studies.

Islam & the West

REL 336.001 47931

Szanto, R 3:30-5:50 PRH 210

Studies how Islam has played the role of Europe/N American's "other" since the Middle Ages, although this juxtaposition has taken different forms with varying effects. **W**

Theories of Myth

REL 341.001 47932

Touna, W 3:30-5:50 PRH 210

Examines myths of the ancient Greco-Roman world by applying theories that modern scholars use to understand those stories as a sub-type of narrative. **W**

REL in the American South

REL 415.001 47960

Simmons, M 3:30-5:50pm PRH 210

The UA campus is a case study in how "the past" is invented, in different ways for different purposes, through narrative practice (e.g., memorials & monuments). **W**

Popular Culture & Religion

REL 455.001 47961

Trost, W 1:30-3:20 LY 319

Investigates how religion is produced by, interacts with, and is commodified within popular culture.

FALL UNDERGRAD ONLINE COURSES

REL 100.910/920 Intro to Religious Studies (HU)

REL 103.910/911/920 Religion in the News (HU)

REL 104.910/911/920 Religion in Pop Culture (HU)

*Open to Distance Learning (920 sections) and
Main Campus Students (910 and 911 sections)*

GRAD SEMINARS

Contact the REL main office for a permit to enroll

Social Theory

REL 501.001 43073

Newton, W 1:30-3:20 PRH 210

Required Foundation course.

Public Humanities

REL 502.001 43308

Altman, M 1:30-3:20 PRH 210

Required Foundation course.

Digital Methods in Religious Studies

REL 503.001 45163 (Recommended for REL MA)

*Wieringa, Sept. 9-10 & Oct. 14-15 10:00-3:00
PRH 102*

REL 503.002 47988 (non-REL grad students)

*Wieringa, Sept 30-Oct 1 & Nov 4-5 10:00-3:00
PRH 102*

1 credit hour (repeated up to 4 hours; different topics each semester), focusing on practical digital skills/competencies.

Debates in Method & Theory

REL 512.001 45164

Simmons, Th 1:30-3:20 PRH 210

Focuses on problems of "tradition," "experience," "identify," "text," etc., as sites for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Past & Present

REL 524.001 47989

Ramey, T 1:30-3:20 PRH 210

Applies critical theory to historical & ethnographic descriptions to consider the role of the present in the past.

BA & MA Independent Study courses, MA Internships, & MA Thesis are also available, in consultation with a faculty member or the BA or MA Directors.