
COURSES

RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES

RELS 1 - Religions of the World

3 units

This course is an introduction to select religious traditions and cultures through exploring the history and beliefs of different religions. This course will also examine classic sacred texts and a variety of sacred practices. Religions studied include Shamanistic/Indigenous Religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. 54 hours lecture. AA/AS GE: III. Transfer: CSU, UC; CSUGE: C2; IGETC: 3B.

- Credit - Degree Applicable
- Grading Option: Letter or P/NP

RELS 2 - Bible: History and Literature

3 units

Study of the historical context and literary forms of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament. Emphasis on social, political and economic origins of the works, their literary motifs, and how their creation reflected ongoing cultural values. 54 hours lecture. AA/AS GE: III. Transfer: CSU, UC; CSUGE: C2; IGETC: 3B.

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RELS 3 - Introduction to Women's Spirituality

3 units

An interdisciplinary and cross-cultural examination of women's spirituality with particular reference to women's contributions and influence in redefining feminine aspects of the divine. Examines the use of feminine experience as a primary construct for understanding the connection between women's spirituality and the sacred. This course will also explore how issues of gender, culture, and identity influence women's religious experiences. Explores religious texts, rituals, music, poetry and film. 54 hours lecture. AA/AS GE: III. Transfer: CSU, UC; CSUGE: C2; IGETC: 3B.

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RELS 11 - Introduction to Islam

3 units

Introduction to Islam as a religion or system for life, its culture and its impact on Muslim individuals and groups. Includes a brief history of Islam and Muslims in relation to the basic sources of Islam. 54 hours lecture. AA/AS GE: III. Transfer: CSU, UC; CSUGE: C2; IGETC: 3B.

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