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An introduction to the academic study of religion; a survey of the thought and practices of major world religions; the impact of religion on society and culture.

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RLST 211-001 ~ EAST ASIAN RELIGIONS
TR 11:30-12:45 (Professor: Y. Ren)
An introduction to the essentials of the East Asian religious traditions. The course will deal with basic beliefs and practices of Confucianism, Daoism, and Chinese Buddhism, with an emphasis on their influence on the formation of such Eastern cultures as those of China, Korea, and Japan.

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RLST 215-001 ~ RELIGIONS OF GREECE AND ROME
TR 8:30-9:45 (Professor: D. Juschka)
This course will examine the various religious practices encountered in the Archaic and Classical periods of Greece, the Hellenistic period in the Mediterranean world, and the religious practices of the Roman Empire. The religions will be studied primarily in connection with the categories of myth, symbol, and ritual.

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RLST 241-C01 ~ ISLAM
TR 14:30-15:45 (Professor: S. Helewaa)
An introduction to the foundations of Islam, including the life of the prophet Muhammad, the Qur'an, beliefs and practices, and the development of fundamental Islamic ideas and institutions. Emphasis will be placed on the contemporary faith of Muslims as they deal with these primary themes.

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RLST 267-L01 ~ RELIGION IN CANADA
W 18:00-20:45 (Professor: B. Hillis)
This course is a survey of significant religious traditions in Canada, their intellectual background, development of their faith and practice, and their interaction with the Canadian context.

Prerequisites: Completion of 12 credit hours or RLST 100. (Note: Formerly numbered RLST 267. Students may not receive credit for both RLST 267 and RLST 250.)

RLST 268-397 ~ CULTS & NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS
Online (Professor: L. Anderson)
This course examines beliefs and practices of some emerging new religions including New Age, Wicca, Neo-paganism, Scientology, Unification Church, UFO groups, Solar Temple, Transcendental Meditation and Soka Gakai. The emphasis will be upon the historical roots and teachings of new religions, and issues related to their popularity and interpretation.

Prerequisites: Completion of 12 credit hours. RLST 100 is recommended. (Note: Formerly numbered RLST 276. Students may not receive credit for both RLST 268 and RLST 276.)

RLST 290BA-L01 ~ RELIGION & GEN- DER, SEX & SEXUALITIES IN HISTOR- ICAL & CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA
MW 9:30-10:20 (M. Folk)
Religion contributes to the construction and understanding of gender and sex/sexualities. This course examines how this happens in both historical and contemporary South Asia, for example, how Hinduism informs gender and sex/sexualities in India, Islam the same in Bangladesh and Pakistan, or Buddhism in Sri Lanka.

*Cross-listed with WGST 280AO

RLST 300-001 ~ THEORY AND METHODOLOGY FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION
TR 11:30-12:45 (Professor: W. Arnal)
This course will focus on fundamental theoretical and methodological issues pertaining to the academic study of religion. It includes an examination of selected theories of the origin, character, and function of religion as a human phenomenon. Students will be encouraged to apply class material to their particular areas of specialization.

*Prerequisite: Completion of 24 credit hours. RLST 100 is recommended.

RLST 363-001 ~ STORYTELLING IN ASIAN RELIGIONS
MW 13:30-14:20 (Professor: Y. Ren)
This course will provide a survey of the stories told by Buddhists, Hindus, Confucianists, Daoists and the followers of Shinto in Japan. The aim of this course is to develop a deeper understanding of the religion and cultures of Asia and to explore the beliefs in popular religion.

*Prerequisites: Completion of 24 credit hours or a 200 level RLST course. (Note: Formerly numbered RLST 390AT. Students may receive credit for only one of RLST 390AT or RLST 363.)

RLST 373-397 ~ GENDER: THEORIES AND PRACTICES
Online (Professor: D. Juschka)
This course begins by examining gender/sex theories (feminist, masculinity and queer studies) arising from a variety of academic locations. Thereafter, we analyze gender/sex ideologies shaped by and in religious-cultural practices across a spectrum of historical locations (e.g., ancient Greece, early modern Europe, West Africa, and the Middle East).

*Prerequisites: RLST 100 or WGST 100. (Note: Cross-listed with WGST 372. Students may receive credit for only one of WGST 372 or RLST 373.)

RLST 390BV-001 ~ THE GNOSTICS: SECRET GOSPELS FROM THE EGYPTIAN DESERT
TR 13:00-14:15 (Professor: W. Arnal)
This course will explore the non-canonical ancient Christian writings discovered in 1945 at Nag Hammadi in Egypt. The focus will be on exploring and analyzing the theology, sources, and literary history of these documents.