



RELIGION STUDIES

SUMMER 2020 COURSE OFFERINGS

Course	Title	Instructor	Days/Time
REL 011 (CRN 20942) GS 011 (CRN 20943)	Introduction to World Religions Living and working in a globalizing 21st century requires an understanding of diverse religious and cultural identities. In this course, students will be introduced to the history, ideas, and practices from a wide variety of the world's religious traditions. (BUG, HU)	Hartley Lachter	-Online- First Session
REL 073 (CRN 21582) JST 073 (CRN 21584)	The Jewish Tradition Judaism is both a textual tradition and a lived religion. Students reach basic Jewish texts—Bible, Talmud, Midrash—and study the ways Jews sanctify the life cycle through rites of passage, and the round of the year through the festival cycle. (HU)	Jodi Eicher-Levine	-Online- First Session
REL 095 (CRN 20775)	Religion and Violence In this course we will explore the relationship between religious ideology with acts of violence. By examining a wide range of different instances of religious violence among Christians, Jews and Muslims, along with their accompanying ideologies, we will consider the relationship between religious affiliation, communally shared modes of discourse, and violent conflict. (HU, BUD)	Hartley Lachter	-Online- First Session
REL 195 (CRN 21620) ENGL 195 (CRN 21619)	Pop (Cult)ure: American Cults and Popular Media While cults are predominantly seen as fringe communities outside society's norms, it's hard to deny their role in contemporary media. In the midst of a politically fractured America rife with echo chambers and fanatic followers, we begin to understand why cults are powerful muses for pop culture today. From The Peoples Temple to American Horror Story, this course explores the history of American cults, unpacks their community dynamics, and interrogates their presence in television, film, literature, podcasts, and more. Together, we will pay particular attention to the ways that cults and their representations speak to the fantasies and paranoias of American life while considering how cult dynamics manifest themselves in various communities. (HU)	James Hamill	-Online- Second Session
REL 196 (CRN 21595) HMS 196 (CRN 21601) PHIL 196 (CRN 21600)	Bioethics and the Family From reproduction to dying, this course will focus on how ethical issues in science and medicine highlight the role of the family. Issues include assisted reproduction and the role of gamete donors; genetic testing and the problem of misattributed paternity; the locus of decision making when patients are terminal or in pvs. Should our individual-oriented medical culture move toward a more family-oriented perspective? (HU)	Dena Davis	-Online- First Session

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