RELIGIONS AND CULTURES REQUIREMENTS

The Religions and Cultures concentration offers a comparative, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary way to study the sacred beliefs and practices of our own and other societies. Rather than study religion in isolation, we examine religion as inextricably intertwined with the domains of science, literature, politics, and identity. In religious studies, students explore specific topics like gender and religion, develop an understanding of different approaches to the study of religion (anthropological, historical, etc.), and learn about specific religious traditions (Hinduism, Judaism, etc.).

**Foundation courses (6 credit hours):**

The following are required (6):

- Comp St 2370 Introduction to Comparative Religion
- Comp St 4972 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion

**Interdisciplinary/Comparative/Thematic Requirement (18-21 credit hours)**

The following courses are required (6 credits):

- Comp St 3990 Approaches to Comparative Studies
- Comp St 4990 Senior Seminar

Four to five of the following courses are required, no more than one at the 2000-level (12-15 credits):

- Comp St 2670 Religion and Science
- Comp St 2677 Religion and Environmentalism
- Comp St 3678 Religion and American Culture
- Comp St 4871 Religion and American Politics
- Comp St 4873 Contemporary Religious Movements in Global Context
- Comp St 4874 New Age and New Religious Movements
- Comp St 4875 Gender, Sexuality, and Religion
- Comp St 4876 Comparative Sacred Architecture
- Comp St 4877 Myth and Ritual
- Comp St 4878 Rites, Ritual, and Ceremony
- Comp St 5691 Topics in Comparative Studies (topic to be approved by the student's adviser; course is repeatable)
- Comp St 5970 Foundational Approaches to the Study of Religion
- Comp St 5971 Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Religion
- Anthro 5625 Anthropology of Religion
- Phil 5850 Philosophy of Religion

**Distribution requirement (9-12 credit hours):**

The distribution requirement comprises courses that focus on specific religious traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, indigenous or ancient traditions) to be chosen from Comparative Studies courses and from a list of courses offered by other departments and approved
for major credit. Coursework selected for this requirement must include at least one course in Comparative Studies chosen from the following:

Comp St 2110 The Jewish Mystical Tradition
Comp St 3671 The Religions of India
Comp St 3672 Native American Religions
Comp St 3673 The Buddhist Traditions
Comp St 3674 African Religions
Comp St 3675 Religions of Mesoamerica
Comp St 3677 South Asian American Religion & Culture
Comp St 4822 Native American Identity
Comp St 4872H Varieties of Christianity
Comp St 5871 The Japanese Religious Tradition
Comp St 5691 Topics in Comparative Studies (when topic is focused on a specific tradition, e.g., "Reformation Culture," "Zen Philosophy")
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COURSES IN RELIGIONS AND CULTURES

Comparative Studies
2670 Science and Religion
2677 Religion and Environmentalism
3671 The Religions of India
3672 Native American Religions
3673 The Buddhist Traditions
3674 African Religions
3675 Religions of Mesoamerica
3676 The Jewish Mystical Tradition
3677 South Asian American Religion & Culture
3678 Religion and American Culture
3677 African Religions
2670 Science and Religion
2677 Religion and Environmentalism
3671 The Religions of India
3672 Native American Religions
3673 The Buddhist Traditions
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3676 The Jewish Mystical Tradition
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3678 Religion and American Culture
3677 African Religions

English
2280 The English Bible

Hebrew
2205 Art and Ancient Judaism
2209 The World of the Rabbis
2210 The Jewish Mystical Tradition
2216 The Medieval Jewish Experience
2241 Culture of Contemporary Israel
2700 Biblical & Post-Biblical Hebrew Lit in Translation
2701 Medieval Hebrew Literature in Translation
2702 Modern Hebrew Lit in Translation
2703 Prophecy in the Bible and Post-Biblical Literature
2704 Women in Biblical and Post-Biblical Hebrew Lit
2705 The Holocaust in Literature and Film
2708 Biblical and Post-Biblical Wisdom Literature
*4605 Readings in the Mishnah
*5601 Intro to Hebrew Literary and Cultural Texts
*5602 The Bible as Literature: Selected Readings
*5603 Readings in Rabbinic Literature
5801 Biblio & Ref Tools: Hebraica, Judaica, & Semitics
5802 Problem of Evil: Biblical & Post-Biblical Lit
5806 Studies in Biblical Law

History
2045 History of American Religion to the Civil War
2070 Intro to Native American History
2110 Intro to Native American Peoples from Mesoamerica
2111 Intro to Native American People of the Andes
2201 Ancient Greece and Rome
2211 The Ancient Near East
2220 Intro to the History of Christianity
2230 Decoding the Middle Ages
2231 The Crusades
2350 Islam, Politics, and Society in History
2351 Early Islamic Society, 610-1258
2352 Ottoman Empire, 1300-1800
2353 Middle East in the 20th Century
2375 Islamic Central Asia
2390 Ancient India
2391 Islamic India
2392 Colonial India
2450 Ancient and Medieval Jewish History, 300 BCE-1100CE
2451 Medieval and Early Modern Jewish History, 700-1700 CE
2452 Modern Jewish History, 1700-Present
2453 History of Zionism and Modern Israel
2454 History of Antisemitism
2455 Jews in American Film
2475 History of the Holocaust
3045 American Religious History
3070 Native American History from European Contact to Removal, 1560-1820
3071 Native American History from Removal to the Present
3100 Colonial Latin America
3110 The Jewish Experience in Latin America
3220 The Rise of the Roman Republic
3221 Rome from the Gracchi to Nero
3223 The Later Roman Empire
3225 Early Byzantine Empire
3226 Later Byzantine Empire
3227 Gnostics and Other Early Christian Heresies
3229 History of Early Christianity
3230 History of Medieval Christianity
3235 Medieval Europe I: 300-1100
3236 Medieval Europe II: 1100-1500
3239 Medieval England
3245 The Age of Reformation 3247
3247 Magic and Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe (1450-1750)
3257 Religion and Its Critics in Modern Europe
3304 History of Islam in Africa
3306 History of African Christianity
3350 The Middle East in 19th Century
3351 Intellectual and Social Movements in the Muslim World
3353 Jewish Communities under Islamic Rule
3354 Islamic Spain and North Africa
3360 History of Iran
3401 Foundations of Chinese Civilization
3425 History of Japan before 1800
3450 History of Ancient Israel (BCE)
3455 Jewish Life from the Renaissance to the Early Enlightenment
3460 European Jewish History 1789-1898
3465 American Jewish History

African American and African Studies
3342H Music, Religion, and Ritual in Africa

Anthropology
5625 Anthropology of Religion

Arabic
*4626 Intro to the Arabic Qur'an
5162 Origin and Development of Arabic-Islamic Concepts
5701 The Qur'an in Translation
5703 Common Heritage: Biblical Figures in the Qur'an

Classics
2203 Byzantine Civilization: Constantinople and the Empire of New Rome
2220 Classical Mythology
2401 Intro to the New Testament: History and Literature
3470 Messiahs and Messianism in Jewish History
3640 Medieval Women: Power, Piety, and Production

**History of Art**
2001 Western Art I: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds
2003 Asian Art
2101 Intro to African Art and Archeology
3005 Christian Art
3101 Philosophy of African Art
3211 Art and Civilization in the Near East
3521 Renaissance Art in Italy
4001 Architecture of the Middle Ages
411 Early Christian and Byzantine Art
4211 Medieval Art
4510 Northern Renaissance Art
4521 Early Renaissance Art in Italy
4701 An Introduction to Buddhist Art and Iconography
4810 The Arts of China
4820 Arts of Japan
5111 African Art and Archeology I
5112 African Art and Archeology II
5221 Early Islamic Art
5222 Later Islamic Art
5420 Romanesque and Gothic Art
5421 Romanesque and Gothic Sculpture
5422 Medieval and Renaissance Manuscript Illumination
5430 The Age of Giotto
5521 Renaissance Painting in Central Italy
5522 Renaissance Painting in Venice
5525 The Sacred Image in the Italian Renaissance
5701 Buddhist Art: Theory and History
5702 Hindu Iconography
5711 Art of India I
5712 Art of India II
5720 Art of Central Asia
5723 Art of Nepal and Tibet
5724 The Buddhist Art of Gandhara and Kashmir
5727 The Art of Newar Buddhism
5812 Chinese Art: Buddhist
5821 Japanese Art: Proto-Historic and Buddhist

**Japanese**
5271 The Japanese Religious Tradition

**Jewish Studies**
2201 Introduction to Jewish Culture, Thought, and Practice
2209 The World of the Rabbis
2210 The Jewish Mystical Tradition
2241 Yiddish Culture
2242 Culture of Contemporary Israel
2450 Ancient and Medieval Jewish History, 300 BCE-1100 CE
2451 Medieval and Early Modern Jewish History 1700-Present
2452 Modern Jewish History 1700-Present
2453 History of Zionism and Modern Israel
2516 The Medieval Jewish Experience
2700 Biblical and Post-Biblical Hebrew Literature in Translation
2701 Medieval Hebrew Literature in Translation
2703 Modern Hebrew Literature in Translation
2704 Women in the Bible and Beyond
2708 Biblical and Post-Biblical Wisdom Literature
3110 The Jewish Experience in Latin America
3111 Intro to Jewish Philosophy
3351 Judaism and Ethics
3371 Yiddish Literature in Translation
3450 History of Ancient Israel (to 300 BCE)
3455 Jewish Life from the Renaissance to the Early Enlightenment
3460 European Jewish History
3465 American Jewish History
3470 Messiahs and Messianism in Jewish History
4211 Art and Architecture of the Ancient Near East
4601 Modern Hebrew Short Story
4605 Readings in the Mishnah
5571 Canon and Communities in the Near East
5578 Islamic Law and Society
5602 The Bible as Literature: Selected Readings
5603 Readings in Rabbinc Literature
5613 The American Jewish Experience: Life and Culture
5802 The Problem of Evil in Biblical and Post-Biblical Literature
5806 Studies in Biblical Law

**Medieval and Renaissance Studies**
2211 Medieval Kyoto: Portraits and Landscapes
2212 Culture of a City-State in the Renaissance
2215 Gothic Paris: 1100-1300
2217 Early Modern London
2510 Court of Charlemagne
2513 Medieval Moscow
2514 Golden Age of Islamic Civilization
2516 The Medieval Jewish Experience
2520 Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Mediterranean World
2526 Byzantine Civilization: Constantinople and the Empire of New Rome
2666 Magic & Witchcraft in the Middle Ages & Renaissance

**Near Eastern Languages and Cultures**
3201 Islam in the U.S.
3230 Introduction to Shi‘I Beliefs and History
3501 Introduction to Islam
3502 Islamic Civilization through the Ages
3508 Sufism
3700 Mythology of Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia
3702 Literatures and Cultures of the Islamic World
4597 Islamic Revival and Social Justice: Utopian Ideals and Lived Realities
5571 Canons and Communities in the Near East
5578 Islamic Law and Society

**Persian**
2301 Persian Mythology and Folklore

**Philosophy**
2120 Asian Philosophies
2660 Metaphysics, Religion, and Magic in the Scientific Revolution
3111 Introduction to Jewish Philosophy
3220 History of Medieval Philosophy
3351 Judaism and Ethics
5220 Studies in Medieval Philosophy
5850 Philosophy of Religion
5870 Topics in Jewish Philosophy

**Political Science**
4262 The New Religious Politics

**Rural Sociology**
5520 Amish Society

**Scandinavian**
3350 Nordic Mythology and Medieval Culture

**Sociology**
3467 Sociology of Religion