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# Religious Studies

Course Offerings ~ Summer 2009

<b>RELI 1000-01</b>	<b>Introduction to Religion – CHG</b>	<b>Fall</b>
MTWRF 1:20 – 3:30 pm 5/18-6/14	Religion is central in shaping culture. While cultural differences stem from religion, many similarities find their expression in religion. Learn about several world religions and the way each understands the world and influences its adherents.	
<b>RELI 1000-41</b>	<b>Introduction to Religion – CHG</b>	<b>Fall</b>
Online 6/15-8/07	Religion is central in shaping culture. While cultural differences stem from religion, many similarities find their expression in religion. Learn about several world religions and the way each understands the world and influences its adherents.	
<b>RELI 2040-01</b>	<b>Mid-East Religions - CHG</b>	<b>Ward</b>
Instructor approval	Travel Abroad-for student credit & community members. Intro. students to religions, history & contemp. leaders. Visit historic and sacred sights. Study 3 major religions- Mid East:Judaism, Christianity & Islam. Prepare w/15 hrs intensive pre-travel seminars, readings & research, 2 wks of travel, & an option 3rd wk (at extra cost). More info call International Programs at 766-3679.	
<b>RELI 3225-01</b>	<b>Apocalypse</b>	<b>Garrett</b>
MTWRF 1:20 – 4:10 pm 7/13-8/02	The apocalyptic end time has become the subject of much speculation, especially since the beginning of the new millennium. In this course we will examine several ancient texts in order to uncover the foundation for apocalyptic thought as well as analyzing such millennial speculation as a religious phenomenon in both ancient and modern religions, including its social, cultural and personal impact.	
<b>RELI 4500-01</b>	<b>Topic: Contemporary Chinese Religions</b>	<b>Brose</b>
MTWRF 8:40-11:40 am 5/18-6/7	Many people think, wrongly, that Religion is dead in the People’s Republic of China. This class will show that they could not be more wrong, as we will examine current practices and beliefs in Buddhism, Daoism, Christianity, Islam, and breakoff groups such as Falun Gong, house churches, folk religion, etc.	
<b>RELI 4500-02</b>	<b>Topic: On Sacred Ground</b>	<b>Palmer</b>
MTWRF 8:40-11:40 am 5/18-6/14	This course focuses on the meaning of “the land.” It offers understandings of the earth from a variety of religious traditions. “On Sacred Ground” begins in the insights of a biologist and continues in the contemplative tradition. It presents a diversity of voices including Native American visionaries, English poets, Buddhist monks, and American authors. The course is rooted in the values that religion brings to see the beauty of life and to understand humankind as part of a greater whole. No prerequisites. Visits to sacred sites.	
<b>RELI 4500-41</b>	<b>Topic: History/Modern Middle East</b> (Meets Non-Western Certification for A&S)	<b>Ward</b>
Online 6/15-8/07	Surveys the Middle East from 1700 to the present. Emphasizes the demise of the Ottoman Empire, the rise of domination by European colonial powers, transformations in political, social, religious and cultural life, the rise of nationalist movements, the influence of oil, the growth of Islamist political groups and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.	

If you would like more information or want to pursue a Minor in Religious Studies, contact the Religious Studies Advisor: Professor Quincy Newell, Hoyt Hall 309D, 766-2144. Check out the Religious Studies homepage at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/RelStds>