

RLST - RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RLST 170 The Religious Quest. 3 Credits

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Explores humanity's rich accumulation of thought, art, and writings from religious traditions around the world. Rooted in critical thinking, coursework compares and contrasts Daoist, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Confucian, Jewish, Pagan, Jain, Sikh, and Christian traditions, with an eye to exploring and re-envisioning our own spiritual journey.

Lecture Hours 3

Department: English & Philosophy

RLST 245 Global Christianity. 3 Credits

Examines the Christian tradition in a comparative and critical manner from a global perspective. Topics include the life of Jesus, historic development and divisions, ethics and justice, saints and exemplars, ritual and the arts, contemporary movements, and interreligious dialogue.

Lecture Hours 3

Department: English & Philosophy

RLST 303 Greek & Roman Mythology. 3 Credits

Term Typically Offered: Fall

Examines Greek and Roman mythology principally through the major Greek and Roman authors, typically Homer, Apollonius, Sophocles, Euripides, Vergil, and Ovid. The myths are analyzed from a variety of perspectives, such as philosophical, religious, historical, social, anthropological, and literary. The course considers the influence of the myths on the fine arts, especially later literature.

Lecture Hours 3

Department: English & Philosophy

RLST 304 Mythology Around the World. 3 Credits

Term Typically Offered: Spring

Invites students to ponder myths that shape our own lives and compare ancient myths with contemporary answers to age-old questions. From Asia and the Americas to Europe and Oceania, this course considers recurring themes in mythology, such as sex and gender equality, good and evil, nature and our relations with nonhuman animals, the gods and creation, and death and salvation. Interactive and rooted in critical thinking, students will examine myths in light of subjects such as philosophy, religion, history, psychology, anthropology, cultural similarity, and cultural difference.

Lecture Hours 3

Department: English & Philosophy

RLST 492 Independent Study. 1-5 Credits

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