

Religious Studies

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Degrees offered: B.A., B.G.S., M.A.

Why study religious studies? Because studying the place of religion in human life remains central to understanding both what divides us and what unites us.

Majors

The curriculum is organized into the basic areas of Western, Eastern, and North American religions, and method and theory in the study of religion. A core of courses provides broad exposure to the range of issues, perspectives, and methods in the study of religion. The program encourages interdepartmental and interdisciplinary cooperation as part of a comprehensive program. This cooperation is reflected at the undergraduate level in cross-listed and cross-referenced courses and in the design of the major.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major. The major consists of at least 27 hours in religious studies. Fifteen hours must be in courses numbered 300 and above, and 8 of these junior/senior hours must be completed in residence at KU. The 27 hours may include no more than 12 transfer hours, no more than 12 hours from study abroad, and no more than 15 hours in combination of the two.

Forms are available in the department office to help students select courses. The program should be planned with the advice of a religious studies faculty member. All majors, particularly those taking advantage of the four-year tuition compact, are strongly advised to consult the department's undergraduate studies director no later than two semesters before their anticipated graduation to make sure their course of study is on track. Every major must meet the following requirements:

- Every major must take these courses:
REL 104 Introduction to Religion **or** REL 105 Introduction to Religion, Honors **or** REL 304 Introduction to Religion
REL 124 Understanding the Bible **or** REL 125 Understanding the Bible, Honors **or** REL 324 Understanding the Bible
- Students must take one of the following courses that provide an overview of Judaism, Christianity, or Islam:
REL 107 Living Religions of the West
REL 109 Living Religions of the West, Honors
REL 307 Living Religions of the West
REL 311 Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament in English)
REL 315 History & Literature of Early Christianity
REL 324 Understanding the Bible
REL 325 Introduction to Judaism
REL 345 Christianity
REL 350 Islam
REL 570 Studies in Judaism
- Students must take one of these courses that provide an overview of religious traditions other than Judaism, Christianity, or Islam:
REL 106 Living Religions of the East
REL 108 Living Religions of the East, Honors
REL 306 Living Religions of the East
REL 360 The Buddhist Tradition in Asia/EALC 331 Studies in the Buddhist Tradition in Asia
REL 507 Religion in India
REL 508 Religion in China
REL 509 Religion in Japan
- Students must take one of the following courses that focus on religion in North America:
REL 171 Religion in American Society
REL 172 Religion in American Society, Honors
REL 330 Native American Religions
REL 339 History of Religion in America
REL 372 Religion in American Society
REL 373 The Supreme Court & Religious Issues in the United States
REL 375 The Supreme Court & Religious Issues in the United States, Honors
REL 585 New Religious Movements (Western)
REL 586 New Religious Movements (Nonwestern)
REL 671 American Communes

Students planning to concentrate in religious studies should take one course each in areas 2, 3, and 4 above.

Requirements for the Minor. The minor requires 18 hours (12 hours at the junior/senior level), as follows:

- REL 104 Introduction to Religion **or** REL 105 Introduction to Religion, Honors **or** REL 304 Introduction to Religion
One course from area 2 above that provides an overview of Judaism, Christianity, or Muslim traditions
One course from area 3 above that provides an overview of a religious tradition other than Judaism, Christianity, or Islam
One course from area 4 above, on religion in North America
Six additional religious studies hours at the 300 level or above

Honors. To be eligible for honors in religious studies, a student must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.25 overall and of 3.5 in the department. Successful completion of honors includes an independent research project. Honors sections are offered in selected courses. Interested students should confer with the departmental honors adviser. A description of the program is available at the department office.

Career Opportunities. The major or minor provides both an enriching focus in liberal education and a basis for graduate or professional study. A major in religious studies may be combined with majors in education, journalism, or other fields to prepare for career specialization.

Jewish Studies Minor

Requirements for the Minor. The minor requires 18 credit hours with at least 12 hours numbered 300 or above. To satisfy the minor requirements, students must complete the equivalent of the second year of Hebrew in addition to meeting the course requirements below. An additional 15 credit hours from at least three different departments are required. Courses to meet this requirement are to be selected from the list of courses below or other appropriate courses at KU or abroad approved by the Jewish studies adviser.

- AMS 494 Topics in American Jewish Culture
AMS 522/SOC 522 American Racial & Ethnic Relations
ENGL 203 Topics in Reading & Writing: Holocaust Literature
ENGL 336 Jewish American Literature & Culture
ENGL 536 Readings in the Holocaust
HEBR 310 Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature
HEBR 320 Introduction to Classical Hebrew Literature
HIST 343 The Holocaust in History
HIST 510 Topics in Medieval Jewish History
HIST 553 Muslims, Christians, & Jews in Medieval Iberia
HIST 660 Biography of a City: Jerusalem
REL 107/REL 109/REL 307 Living Religions of the West
REL 124/REL 125/REL 324 Understanding the Bible
REL 171/REL 172/AMS 290/REL 372 Religion in American Society
REL 325 Introduction to Judaism
REL 376 American Judaism: Life & Thought
REL 377 Religion & Moral Decisions
REL 500 Readings in Non-English Religious Texts
REL 512 Prophecy, Poetry, & Story in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)
REL 523 The Dead Sea Scrolls
REL 525 Jews & Christians in Greco-Roman Antiquity
REL 526 Jewish History & Literature in the Greek & Roman Periods
REL 570 Studies in Judaism
REL 775 Seminar in Religion & Society in the West: Zionism & Israel in Modern Jewish Religion

At least 3 credit hours of independent research must be undertaken as a departmental course or as a Jewish studies course in which a student does an independent research project at KU or abroad under the supervision of the Jewish studies adviser. All independent study credits toward the minor need the approval of the Jewish studies adviser.

■ Hebrew Courses

HEBR 110 Elementary Israeli Hebrew I (5). U A beginning course in modern Israeli Hebrew. Essentials of grammar, syntax and conversational practice; elementary reading and writing. Note: Students with other previous experience in Hebrew must take a placement exam. LEC

HEBR 120 Elementary Israeli Hebrew II (5). U A continuation of HEBR 110. Note: Students with other previous experience in Hebrew must take a placement exam. Prerequisite: HEBR 110. LEC

HEBR 210 Intermediate Israeli Hebrew I (3). U Further development of language skills: listening comprehension, oral efficiency, intermediate grammar and syntax, reading and writing. Note: Students with other previous experience in Hebrew must take a placement exam. Prerequisite: HEBR 120. LEC

HEBR 220 Intermediate Israeli Hebrew II (3). U A continuation of HEBR 210.

Note: Students with other previous experience in Hebrew must take a placement exam. Prerequisite: HEBR 210. LEC

HEBR 230 Biblical Hebrew (3). U This course introduces students to the grammatical structure and vocabulary of biblical Hebrew. It includes basic biblical passages for students to translate into English and analyze. LEC

HEBR 240 Biblical Hebrew II (3). U This is a continuation of Hebrew 230. It continues the study of the grammatical structure and vocabulary of biblical Hebrew, and includes biblical texts for students to translate and analyze. Prerequisite: HEBR 230 or permission of the instructor. LEC

HEBR 310 Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature (3). U An introduction to Hebrew literature from the nineteenth through the twentieth centuries. The emphasis is on the development of basic interpretive skills, as well as an understanding of basic literary movements, genres, and concepts of this period. Not open to native speakers of Hebrew. Prerequisite: HEBR 220 or equivalent. LEC

HEBR 320 Introduction of Classical Hebrew Literature (3). U An introduction to Hebrew literature from the early post-biblical period through the Middle Ages. The emphasis is on the development of basic interpretive skills, as well as an understanding of basic literary movements, genres, and concepts of this period. Not open to native speakers of Hebrew. Prerequisite: HEBR 220 or equivalent. LEC

HEBR 330 Third-level Modern Hebrew (3). H A course designed to improve oral, audio and writing proficiencies in Modern Hebrew through reading and discussion of poems, Israeli newspaper articles and other selected materials. Not open to native speakers of Hebrew. Prerequisite: HEBR 220, with a grade of "B" or better recommended, or permission of the instructor. LEC

HEBR 340 Aspects of Modern Hebrew (3). H Continued study in Modern Hebrew via poems, short stories, Israeli newspaper articles and electronic media. The course is designed to strengthen linguistic skills, enrich vocabulary and further the study of grammar and syntax. Not open to native speakers of Hebrew. Prerequisite: HEBR 330, with a grade of "B" or better recommended or permission of the instructor. LEC

HEBR 453 Investigation and Conference: _____ (1-3). U Independent study and directed reading on special topics. Permission of the instructor who will supervise the student's work is required. Not open to native speakers of Hebrew. Prerequisite: HEBR 200 or equivalent. IND

■ Jewish Studies Courses

JWSH 490 Directed Study in Jewish Studies (3). H Investigation of a special topic or project selected by the student with advice, approval, and supervision of the Faculty adviser in Jewish Studies. Such study may take the form of directed reading or special research. Regular reports to and conferences with the adviser are required. A final research report will be required. Course may be taken more than once; total credit not to exceed 6 hours. Open only to students pursuing a minor in Jewish Studies. IND

JWSH 491 Directed Study in Jewish Studies, Honors (3). H Required for Honors in the minor. The honors version of JWSH 490. Open only to students pursuing a minor in Jewish Studies. IND

■ Religious Studies Courses

REL 104 Introduction to Religion (3). HR H Religion approached as search for meaning. Personal and social interpretation of life and death. The study proceeds by examination of autobiography, institutions, symbols, scriptures, literature, world-views, values. Modern critiques of religion, secular faiths, and religious pluralism are included. Not open to students who have taken REL 105 or REL 304. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL104/REL 304) may not take the other. LEC

REL 105 Introduction to Religion, Honors (3). HR H Religion approached as search for meaning. Personal and social interpretation of life and death. The study proceeds by examination of autobiography, institutions, symbols, scriptures, literature, world-views, and values. Modern critiques of religion, secular faiths, and religious pluralism are included. Open only to students in the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. Not open to students who have taken REL 104 or REL 304. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL 104/REL 304) may not take the other. LEC

REL 106 Living Religions of the East (3). HR/NW H/W A basic introduction to religion in India, China, and Japan with emphasis upon religions that affect the modern period. Not open to students who have taken REL 108/EALC 108 or REL 306. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL 106/REL 306) may not take the other. (Same as EALC 105.) LEC

REL 107 Living Religions of the West (3). HR H A basic introduction to the major religious traditions of the Near East, Europe, and the Americas, with an emphasis on their development through the modern period and their expressions in contemporary life. Not open to students who have taken REL 109 or REL 307. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of these courses (REL 107/REL 307) may not take the other. LEC

REL 108 Living Religions of the East, Honors (3). HR/NW H A basic introduction to religion in India, China, and Japan, with emphasis upon religions that affect the modern period. Open only to students in the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. Not open to students who have taken REL 106/EALC 105 or REL 306. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL 106/REL 306) may not take the other. (Same as EALC 108.) LEC

REL 109 Living Religions of the West, Honors (3). HR H A basic introduction to the major religious traditions in the Near East, Europe, and the Americas, with an

emphasis on their development through the modern period and their expressions in contemporary life. Open only to students in the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. Not open to students who have taken REL 107/REL 307. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL 107/REL 307) make not take the other. LEC

REL 124 Understanding the Bible (3). HR H An introduction to the literature of the Bible, exploring the relationships among the various types of literature present and the function of each type in the history and religious life of the people who produced and used them. Cannot be taken concurrently with REL 311 or REL 315. Not open to students who have taken REL 125 or REL 324. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL 124/REL 324) may not take the other. LEC

REL 125 Understanding the Bible, Honors (3). HR H An introduction to the literature of the Bible, exploring the relationships among the various types of literature present and the function of each type in history and religious life of the people who produced and used them. Open only to students in the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. Not open to students who have taken REL 124 or REL 324. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL 124/REL 324) may not take the other. LEC

REL 130 Myth, Legend, and Folk Belief in East Asia (3). NW A survey of the commonly held ideas about the beginning of the world, the role of gods and spirits in daily life, and the celebrations and rituals proper to each season of the year. The purpose of the course is to present the world view of the ordinary peoples of East Asia in contrast to their more sophisticated systems and philosophy which are better known to the Western world. (Same as ANTH 293, EALC 130, and HWC 130.) LEC

REL 171 Religion in American Society (3). HR H A broad introduction to religion in American culture. This class emphasizes the well-established religions with large followings (viz. Judaism, Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism). Some attention is also given to other religions active in America. Other topics covered include the relationship of church and state, religion in ethnic and racial minority groups, and women and religion. Not open to students who have taken REL 172 or REL 372. (Same as AMS 290.) LEC

REL 172 Religion in American Society, Honors (3). HR H Honors version of REL 171. A broad introduction to religion in American culture. This class emphasizes the well-established religions with large followings (viz. Judaism, Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism). Some attention is also given to other religions active in America. Other topics covered include the relationship of church and state, religion in ethnic and racial minority groups, and women and religion. Not open to students who have taken AMS 290 or REL 372. Open only to students in the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. LEC

REL 200 Study Abroad Introductions to: _____ (1-4). H This course is designed for the study of special topics in Religious Studies. Credit for course work must be arranged through the Office of KU Study Abroad. May be repeated for credit if content varies. LEC

REL 304 Introduction to Religion (3). HR H A more intensive treatment of the content of REL 104. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have taken one of the courses (REL 104/REL 304) may not take the other. Not open to students who have taken REL 104 or REL 105. LEC

REL 306 Living Religions of the East (3). HR/NW H A more intensive treatment of the content of REL 106. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who have had one of the courses (REL 106/REL 306) may not take the other. Not open to students who have taken REL 106/EALC 105 or REL 108/EALC 108. (Same as EALC 306.) LEC

REL 307 Living Religions of the West (3). HR H A more intensive treatment of the content of REL 107. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who take one of the courses (REL 107/REL 307) may not take the other. Not open to students who have taken REL 107 or REL 109. LEC

REL 311 Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament in English) (3). H/W A study of the development of the Hebrew Bible from its earliest stages of oral tradition to its canonization with an emphasis on the relationship of the historical, intellectual, and cultural contexts shaping that development. Prerequisite: REL 124 or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 315 History and Literature of Early Christianity (3). H/W An examination of the literature produced by early Christians. In addition to New Testament texts, the course includes a broad range of diverse texts produced by early Christians, Jews, and others. Prerequisite: REL 124 or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 324 Understanding the Bible (3). HR H A more intensive treatment of the content of REL 124. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. The content overlaps sufficiently that students who take one of the courses (REL 124/REL 324) may not take the other. Not open to students who have taken REL 124 or REL 125. LEC

REL 325 Introduction to Judaism (3). H Describes certain Jewish customs, ceremonies, traditions, and folklore and examines the implications of their historical and contemporary meaning. LEC

REL 330 Native American Religions (3). NW H A survey of religious traditions among selected Native American peoples. Topics include religious freedom, ritual activity, cultural narrative ("myth") kinship, healing practices, ecology, government relations, impact of colonization, impact of missionization, contact between cultures, and secularization. LEC

REL 339 History of Religion in America (3). H Survey of the development of religious institutions and ideas in America from colonial times to the present. Emphasis is given to the mainstream religious traditions (Protestant, Catholic, Jewish), but attention is also paid to other phenomena, including nonwestern and native American religions. LEC

REL 341 Mysticism (3). H The nature of mystical experience and reflection as expressed in selected mystical literature of the world's religions. LEC

REL 342 Religion and Literature (3). H An examination of contemporary writings to explore the authors' presuppositions concerning the nature of God, the nature of human beings, the meaning of good and evil, the significance of human existence, and the means of attaining fulfillment or salvation. LEC

REL 345 Christianity (3). H An introductory examination of the history, doctrines, and practices of Christianity. Selected readings from the creeds, papal decrees, and major Christian theologians. LEC

REL 350 Islam (3). NW H/W Origins of Islam; the Prophet Muhammad; the Holy Koran; religious symbols and moral mandates; historical developments. (Same as AAAS 349.) LEC

REL 360 The Buddhist Tradition in Asia (3). NW H A historical and geographical survey of the Buddhist tradition from its origins in India to modern day developments in the three major regional Buddhist cultures of Southeast Asia, Tibet, and East Asia (China, Korea, and Japan). Prerequisite: Prior course work in Asian studies or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 371 Religion and Society in Tension (3). H Specific issues of conflict between the values of certain religious groups and those of the larger society. Includes problems of church and state, birth control and abortion, civil disobedience and dissent, education, war and peace, and "civil religion." LEC

REL 372 Religion in American Society (3). HR H A more intensive treatment of the content of REL 171. A broad introduction to religion in American culture. This class emphasizes the well-established religions with large followings (viz. Judaism, Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism). Some attention is also given to other religions active in America. Other topics covered include the relationship of church and state, religion in ethnic and racial minority groups, and women and religion. Additional readings and a paper are required for the 300 level course. Not open to students who have taken AMS 290/REL 171 or REL 172. LEC

REL 373 The Supreme Court and Religious Issues in the United States (3). H Historical study of the interpretation of the religion clauses of the First Amendment with special reference to the questions of establishment, the free exercise of religion, freedom of religious belief, worship, and action, and religion and the public schools. Not open to freshmen. (Same as HIST 373.) LEC

REL 374 Religious Perspectives on Selfhood and Sexuality (3). H The nature of the self in its individual and social dimensions. Self experienced and expressed in sexuality. Survey of viewpoints in religious literature. LEC

REL 375 The Supreme Court and Religious Issues in the United States, Honors (3). H Historical study of the interpretation of the religion clauses of the First Amendment with special reference to the questions of establishment, the free exercise of religion, freedom of religious belief, worship, and action, and religion and the public schools. Open only to students in the University Honors Program or by permission of the instructor. (Same as HIST 375.) LEC

REL 376 American Judaism: Life and Thought (3). H A study of the conflicts between secularists and religionists, between Zionists and synagogue representatives, and the patterns of compromise in American Jewish life. Questions of Americanism and Jewish survival, support for the State of Israel, and the bureaucratic structure of rabbinical training and philanthropy in America will be raised. LEC

REL 377 Religion and Moral Decisions (3). H Introduction to religious viewpoints on individual and social ethics. Influence of religious thought on the making of moral decisions, and on value development. Examined in relation to specific moral issues. LEC

REL 378 Religion and Moral Decisions, Honors (3). H Honors version of REL 377. Introduction to religious viewpoints on individual and social ethics. Influence of religious thought on the making of moral decisions, and on value development. Examined in relation to specific moral issues. Open only to students who have been admitted of the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. LEC

REL 380 Philosophical Issues in Religion (3). H This course will consider, from a philosophical perspective, some of the problems in religion which arise in the development of "Natural Theology" broadly conceived. (Same as PHIL 350.) LEC

REL 400 Study Abroad Special Topics: _____ (1-4). H This course is designed for the study of special topics in Religious Studies equivalent to courses at the 300 to 600 level at KU. Course work must be arranged through the Office of KU Study Abroad. May be repeated for credit if content varies. LEC

REL 404 Undergraduate Seminar in Religion: _____ (1-3). H Topic, instructor, prerequisite and hours of credit to be announced in Schedule of Classes. Particular subject matter any given semester responding to student interest and taking advantage of special faculty competence. Class discussion, readings, and individual projects. LEC

REL 405 Directed Study in Religion (1-4). H Investigation of a special topic or project selected by the student with advice, approval, and supervision of an instructor. Such study may take the form of directed reading or special research. Individual reports and conferences. May be repeated, with maximum cumulative

credit of four hours. Course taken for one hour of credit may not be used to fulfill College distribution requirement. Prerequisite: One previous course in religious studies at the University of Kansas and permission of instructor. IND

REL 406 Reading Asian Religious Classics (3). H A close reading of classic texts of Asian religions in English translation, with emphasis on their construction and reception as sacred "scripture" in both their indigenous Asian contexts and in the post-colonial West. No prior knowledge of Asia is required, although some background is desirable. LEC

REL 425 Religion and Film (3). H An examination of the treatment of religious themes through the medium of film and an examination of the attitudes of religious organizations toward films and film production. Selected films will be viewed and analyzed from the perspectives taken within religious studies. LEC

REL 440 Muslim Women in Religion and Society (3). NW H This course consists of a spring break study in a Muslim country, meeting with women's NGOs and other women's groups and visiting sites of significance to women. Preparatory class sessions focusing on assigned readings precede the study abroad trip and a concluding class session follows it. A research paper is required. LEC

REL 441 Myth, Symbol, and Ritual in Religion (3). H An examination of the role of mythology in world religions with particular attention to the symbols and rituals associated with each cycle of myths. LEC

REL 450 Popular Culture in the Muslim World (3). NW H A study of pop songs, television, comics, and other idioms of popular culture from different parts of the Muslim world, with attention to Muslims' sense of humor, tragedy, aesthetics, and pertinent issues of the day. (Same as AAAS 450.) LEC

REL 464 Visions in Art and Literature (3). H A study of the phenomenon of visions, their expression in various media, and theories of visionary experience from the humanities and social sciences, with a particular emphasis on critically evaluating the relationship between the visionary experience and its expression. (Same as HWC 464.) LEC

REL 468 Illness in Art and Literature (3). H An examination of how illness and health have been conceptualized, expressed, and explored in Western literature and art, as well as a consideration of issues of illness and health from the perspectives of philosophy and religious studies. (Same as HWC 468.) LEC

REL 475 Loving Relationships (3). H Theories and elements of love in a variety of types of relationships, with attention to religious ethical traditions and social and behavioral sciences. Includes small group discussions and application to personal experience. (Same as COMS 455.) Prerequisite: Junior standing or above. LEC

REL 477 Women and Religion (3). H Examination of symbols, images, scriptures, rites, and teachings defining women's roles in various religious traditions. LEC

REL 478 Women and Religion, Honors (3). Examination of symbols, images, scriptures, rites, and teachings defining women's roles in various religious traditions. Prerequisite: Open only to students in the University Honors Program, or by permission of instructor. LEC

REL 490 Senior Seminar in Theories and Methods (3). H A capstone course for religious studies majors to survey methods and theories in religious studies. Prerequisite: Religious Studies major or permission of the instructor. LEC

REL 499 Undergraduate Honors Research (1-3). H Required for Departmental Honors. May be taken more than once; total credit not to exceed 6 hours. Prerequisite: Open only to candidates for degree with departmental honors and with consent of the student's research supervisor. IND

REL 500 Readings in Non-English Religious Texts (1-4). This course provides directed readings for students in either primary or secondary texts related to religious studies utilizing material in languages other than English. IND

REL 504 Millenarian Movements (3). S A historical survey of millenarian movements (the belief in imminent, total, ultimate, this-worldly, collective salvation), with particular attention to their psychological, sociological, and political dimensions. (Same as POLS 504.) Prerequisite: POLS 301 or honors equivalent or for non-majors completion of Western Civilization requirement, or consent of instructor. LEC

REL 507 Religion in India (3). NW H/W Survey of religious thought and practice in India from the Vedic period to the present. LEC

REL 508 Religion in China (3). NW H/W Survey of religious thought and practice in China from the Shang to the People's Republic. (Same as EALC 508.) LEC

REL 509 Religion in Japan (3). NW H/W Survey of religious thought and practice in Japan from the Jomon period to the present. (Same as EALC 509.) LEC

REL 510 Religion in Korea (3). H Survey of religious thought and practice in Korea from the Three Kingdoms period to the present. Prerequisite: REL 106/EALC 105; EALC 104; or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 512 Prophecy, Poetry, and Story in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) (3). H/W Examination of major styles of writing in the Hebrew Bible, their content, historical context, and major theories current in the academic study of the Bible. Prerequisite: REL 124, or REL 311 or REL 315, or permission of instructor. LEC

A minor in Jewish studies is available through religious studies.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer by going online to www.admissions.ku.edu/requirements/credtran/find.shtml.

REL 515 Studies in Early Christian Literature and History (3). H Contemporary research in the history and literature of earliest Christianity including most of the following: (1) the use of critical method, (2) philosophical and theological contexts, (3) sociological analyses, (4) interpretation of archaeological data (5) Papyrology and the medieval manuscript tradition, (6) relations between Christians and the Roman governments, (7) relations between Christians and Jews, (8) development of diverse literary genres, and (9) the origins gnosis and Christian gnosticism. Prerequisite: REL 124 or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 523 The Dead Sea Scrolls (3). H A study of the archaeological evidence and texts from the Dead Sea area that provide primary evidence for Jewish religious belief and practice in the Greek and Roman periods (ca. 250 B.C.E.-135 C.E.). Prerequisite: REL 124 or consent of instructor LEC

REL 524 Studies in Ancient Egyptian Culture and Religion (3). H A study of the basic features of Egyptian history, culture, and religion from the beginning of the Pharaonic period (ca. 3500 B.C.E.) to the rise of Greek rule in Egypt (ca. 350 B.C.E.). Prerequisite: A principal course in Religious Studies or consent of instructor. LEC

REL 525 Jews and Christians in Greco-Roman Antiquity (3). H/W This course will commence with a description of the religious and philosophical developments of the Hellenistic world and then describe the history of the Jews and religious developments within Judaism down to the fall of Jerusalem in 70 C.E. Next there will be a description of the origin of Christianity and its development to the end of the first century and also the development of Judaism to the completion of the Mishnah. Subsequently there will be consideration of the interplay between Judaism, Gnosticism, and Christianity down to 400 C.E. The course will be concluded with discussions of such topics as Jewish and Christian ideas of redemption, messianism and eschatology. LEC

REL 526 Jewish History and Literature in the Greek and Roman Periods (3). H/W The history and literature of the Jewish people from the hellenistic period (late fourth century B.C.E. to the codification of the Mishnah 210 C.E.). Select texts from the Hebrew Bible, the so-called apocrypha and pseudepigrapha, the Qumran scrolls, Philo, Josephus, related early Christian texts, and Rabbinic texts will be studied. Prerequisite: REL 124 or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 530 Christian Origins: From the Beginnings to Augustine (3). H/W This course covers the major political, literary, and theological developments in Christianity from the first century through Augustine in the early fifth century, including: (1) the development and significance of the New Testament canon, (2) relations between Christians, Jews, and the Roman government, (3) the nature of orthodoxy and heresy, and the rise of the major gnostic systems, (4) the growth of the orthodox network, (5) theological debates and councils, and (6) the biography and theology of Augustine and his influence on the medieval church. Prerequisite: Junior standing or above. LEC

REL 531 Studies in Christianity (3). H Study of religious thought, practice, and institutions of Christianity with an emphasis on the examination of primary documents. LEC

REL 532 Studies in Islam (3). H Study of religious thought, practice, and institutions of Islam with an emphasis on the examination of primary documents. (Same as AAAS 532.) LEC

REL 534 Studies in Ritual: _____ (3). H A study of ritual theory and a comparative study of ritual activity among selected religious traditions. May be taken more than once if content differs sufficiently. LEC

REL 535 The History of Islam in Africa (3). H/W A study of the history and institutions of Islam in Africa. Emphasis will be placed on the impact of Islam on African traditional religions and African civilization in general; the historiographical traditions of Islam in Africa. (Same as AAAS 542.) LEC

REL 539 Greek and Roman Religion (3). H/W A study of the evidence for religious cults and thought in the Greco-Roman world from the Homeric age to the end of ancient paganism. No knowledge of Greek or Latin required. Prerequisite: CLSX 148. LEC

REL 552 Classical Islamic Literature (3). NW H An examination of major developments in classical Islamic literature in the Middle East and beyond, with attention to the poetic and prose works (in translation) that emerged from them. (Same as AAAS 552.) LEC

REL 558 Religion in Britain Since the Reformation: A Survey (3). H This course deals analytically and synoptically with religion in Britain from the Reformation to the present with special reference to the Church of England, and focuses on the themes of ecclesiology, ecclesiastical polity, and political theology. It is essentially an examination of religious history from a perspective of history of ideas. (Same as HIST 558.) LEC

REL 559 Religion in Britain Since the Reformation: A Survey, Honors (3). H This course deals analytically and synoptically with religion in Britain from the Reformation to the present with special reference to the Church of England, and focuses on the themes of ecclesiology, ecclesiastical polity, and political theology. It is essentially an examination of religious history from a perspective of the history of ideas. Open only to students in the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. (Same as HIST 559.) LEC

REL 560 Classical and Contemporary Jewish Thought (3). H An introduction to individual Jewish thinkers and collective projects from Philo to the present, including The Talmud and Midrash, Middle Age and Early Modern Jewish philo-

sophical and Talmudic rationalism and mysticism. Considers such thinkers as Spinoza, Cohen, Soloveitchik, Rosenzweig, and Levinas. LEC

REL 570 Studies in Judaism (3). H A study of the major intellectual sources of the Jewish tradition from the Mishna, Talmud, Midrash, prayerbook, philosophers, the Zohar, and the Shulchan Aruch. Prerequisite: A course in Religious Studies numbered 300 or above. LEC

REL 580 Religious Perspectives on Illness, Health, and Healing (3). H An examination of the perspectives of selected religious traditions on the meaning of illness and health, methods of diagnosis and treatment, and the place of these themes and experiences within each tradition. LEC

REL 581 Psychology of Religion (3). S Consideration of the psychological antecedents of religious experience, the nature of religious experience, and the behavioral consequences of religion. Focus will be on psychological theory and research relevant to religious thought, feeling, belief, and behavior. (Same as PSYC 581.) Prerequisite: PSYC 104. LEC

REL 585 New Religious Movements (Western) (3). H A survey of the beliefs, practices, and social impact of religious minorities in the United States, both contemporary and historical, rooted primarily in Christianity and Judaism. LEC

REL 586 New Religious Movements (Nonwestern) (3). H/W A survey of the beliefs, practices, and social impact of religious minorities in the United States, both contemporary and historical, which have developed primarily from sources other than Christianity and Judaism. LEC

REL 601 Approaches to the Study of Religion (3). H An introduction to the various methods by which social scientists, historians, philosophers, and theologians study the meaning, influence, and significance of religion as an integral part of society and its cultural heritage. Prerequisite: REL 104 required for undergraduate students. No prerequisite for graduate students. LEC

REL 602 Special Topics in Religion: _____ (1-4). H Topic and instructor to be announced in Schedule of Classes. Enables qualified students to participate in current research interests of faculty and/or pursue specific current topics. May be offered by different instructors under different subtitles, and may be taken more than once if subject matter varies sufficiently. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. LEC

REL 604 Religion and Political Theory (3). S An examination of the relationship between religious faith and politics in Western political thought and theory. The approach will be both historical and philosophical, beginning with Moses on the one hand, and the Greeks on the other. Texts will include biblical, Greek philosophical, Jewish and Christian philosophical and theological writings. (Same as POLS 604.) Prerequisite: POLS 201, or for non-POLS majors completion of Western Civilization requirements, or consent of instructor. LEC

REL 650 Sufism (3). NW H A survey of developments in Sufi (Islamic Mystical) thought, poetry, and ritual throughout Muslim history and across the Muslim world. (Same as AAAS 650.) Prerequisite: AAAS 349/REL 350 or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 657 Gender in Islam and Society (3). NW H An investigation of the relationship between Islam, and gender roles and status in religious texts (Quran and Hadith) and in societies across the Muslim world, past and present. (Same as AAAS 657.) Prerequisite: AAAS349/REL 350 or permission of instructor. LEC

REL 665 Religious Ethics (3). H Main themes and traditions in ethical thought. Religious thought as basis of systems of ethics. Contemporary approaches to methods of value organization and moral choices. Prerequisite: A basic course in religious studies. LEC

REL 667 Religious Perspectives on War and Peace (3). H Views of war and peace in various faith traditions throughout the world. Examination of teachings and action of religious groups and selected individuals, including use of war rhetoric and differing theological and social understandings of peace. Lecture, seminar discussion, and research assignment require preparation and participation by students. Prerequisite: Junior standing or above. LEC

REL 669 Human Conflict and Peace (3). H Study of religious, cultural, and social traditions toward understanding the nature and purposes of human conflict. Analysis of various meanings of peace, with emphasis on study of nonviolent approaches to management of conflict. Class discussion, readings, and individual research projects. (Same as COMS 669.) Prerequisite: Junior standing or above. LEC

REL 671 American Communes (3). H An examination of utopian communities in North America from the seventeenth century to the present. The course will survey the history, literature, and social dynamics of representative communal societies and movements including the Shakers, the Hutterites, the Oneida Community, Catholic religious communities, egalitarian communities, and other religious and secular communities. LEC

REL 672 Mother as Religious Metaphor (3). H A study of the symbols, myths, and rituals of selected religious traditions using gender and color as primary categories of analysis. Readings include both religious texts and classic theories of symbolism. LEC

REL 677 Women in Christianity (3). H An examination of the roles, images, and status of women in Christianity from its origin to the contemporary period and in



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REL 732 Seminar in Western Religious Texts: ____ (3).

REL 733 Seminar in Eastern Religious Texts: ____ (3).

REL 761 Seminar in Western Religious Thought: ____ (3).

REL 762 Seminar in Eastern Religious Thought: ____ (3).

REL 771 Seminar in Religious Movements and Social Change: ____ (3).

REL 772 Seminar in Religion and Modern Social Criticism: ____ (3).

REL 773 Seminar in Religion and National Identity: ____ (3).

REL 775 Seminar in Religion and Society in the West: ____ (3).

REL 776 Seminar in Religion and Society in Asia: ____ (3).

REL 777 Seminar in Religion and Gender (3).

REL 780 Seminar in Theories of Religious Experience (3).

REL 781 Seminar in Theories of Religion (3).

REL 787 Seminar in Ethical Issues in Health Care: ____ (3).

Russian

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Why study Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies?

Because interdisciplinary study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia creates culturally informed citizens who can act on national and international issues.

The interdisciplinary bachelor's degree is available only as a co-major in conjunction with a major in one of the traditional academic disciplines. The co-major also can be combined with a bachelor's degree in such schools as business or journalism.

Co-major

First- and Second-year Preparation. Students should fulfill the language requirement (16 hours or equivalent) in a Slavic or Eastern European language before the beginning of the junior year. In the first three semesters, students should complete REES 110. Because some of the courses in Groups A to E have prerequisites, students should choose the courses that fulfill their general education requirements carefully to meet prerequisites for upper-level course work. Students may benefit from spending a summer or semester studying abroad or doing intensive language training in the summer. Confer early with a Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies adviser as well as with a major adviser to plan your course work sequence. For advising information, see www.crees.ku.edu/academics/ba.shtml.

Requirements for the Co-major. Thirty hours are required, as follows:

3 hours of advanced language

3 hours in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures numbered 500 or above that involve the use of a Slavic language

REES 110/REES 111 Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe

REES 492 Seminar in Russian and East European Studies: ____

REES 496 Seminar in Russian and East European Studies: ____

15 hours in courses listed in groups A to E, with at least 3 hours in each of the following five groups:

A. Literature and the Arts. SLAV 140, SLAV 144, SLAV 148, SLAV 340, SLAV 390, SLAV 500, SLAV 502, SLAV 504, SLAV 506, SLAV 508, SLAV 510, SLAV 512, SLAV 514, SLAV 516, SLAV 528, SLAV 530, SLAV 532, SLAV 534, SLAV 536, SLAV 538, SLAV 562, SLAV 564, SLAV 566, SLAV 568, SLAV 600, SLAV 612, SLAV 614, SLAV 616, SLAV 630, SLAV 642, SLAV 650, SLAV 656, SLAV 660, SLAV 662, SLAV 664, SLAV 667, SLAV 668, SLAV 679, SLAV 711, SLAV 712, SLAV 714, SLAV 715, SLAV 716, SLAV 721, SLAV 726, TH&F 725

B. History. HIST 101, HIST 117, HIST 334, HIST 340, HIST 342, HIST 343, HIST 444, HIST 510, HIST 527, HIST 557, HIST 564, HIST 565, HIST 566, HIST 568, HIST 569, HIST 570, HIST 592, HIST 660, HIST 696

C. Political Science. POLS 150, POLS 170, POLS 370, POLS 601, POLS 652, POLS 654, POLS 655, POLS 663, POLS 669, POLS 671, POLS 672, POLS 673, POLS 675, POLS 679, POLS 681, POLS 689, SOC 780

D. Philosophy and Religion. PHIL 560, PHIL 580, PHIL 684, PHIL 686, REES 704, REES 709, REES 714, SLAV 684, SLAV 686, SLAV 719

E. Economics and Geography. BUS 400, ECON 560, ECON 562, ECON 563, GEOG 594, GEOG 595, GEOG 794, GEOG 795

There is no limit on the number of courses that can count for both general education requirements and the co-major. No more than 12 junior/senior hours (300 or above) from a student's primary major may count toward the co-major. Students taking the co-major as a third major may double-count one additional course.

No courses may be double-counted within the co-major.

Courses taken abroad may be used to fulfill any of the five categories listed above, if the student receives prior approval from the undergraduate adviser.

■ Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Courses

REES 110 Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe (3). SC S A multidisciplinary introduction to the former communist states of Russia, the western Newly Independent States, Central Europe, and the Balkans. The course addresses the geography and history of the region, as well as the cultures of its peoples, as presented in literature, film, and music. Special attention is devoted to the current political, economic, and social situations, as they are reflected by the transition from communism and the rise of nationalism. LEC

REES 111 Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe, Honors (3). SC S A multidisciplinary introduction to the former communist states of Russia, the western Newly Independent States, Central Europe, and the Balkans. The course addresses the geography and history of the region, as well as the cultures of its peoples, as presented in literature, film, and music. Special attention is devoted to the current political, economic, and social situations, as they are affected by the transition from communism and the rise of nationalism. Prerequisite: Open only to students in the University Honors Program, or by permission of instructor. LEC

REES 220 Societies and Cultures of Eurasia (3). NW S A broad, survey-type course that examines all the former Soviet republics—Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan—with additional coverage of neighboring regions. The course addresses the history of the region, literature, culture, geography, religion, and the building of post-Soviet states and societies. LEC

REES 221 Societies and Cultures of Eurasia, Honors (3). NW S Examines the unique cultures and societies of the Eurasian region (Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and to a lesser degree, Russia, Mongolia and Afghanistan). For the better part of the 20th century, this distinct region of the world was hidden beneath the communist veneer of the Soviet Union. With the collapse of the U.S.S.R., the countries of this region are returning to their historic roots, and this course introduces students to the history, politics, economics, literature and general culture of these countries. Open only to students admitted to the University Honors Program or by permission of instructor. LEC

REES 480 Special Problems in Area Studies (3). H Interdisciplinary examination of topics involving two or more of the cooperating disciplines in Russian and East European studies. LEC

REES 492 Seminar in Russian and East European Studies: ____ (3). H An interdisciplinary seminar. Each student will be expected to write an interdisciplinary seminar paper, involving the use of materials in an East European language and concentrated in the discipline of the student's special interest. A grade will be assigned only on satisfactory completion of REES 496. LEC

REES 496 Seminar in Russian and East European Studies: ____ (3). H Continuation of REES 492. LEC

REES 510 Understanding Central Asia (3). NW S/W An intensive, multidisciplinary survey of Central Asia, focusing on the former Soviet republics—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan—with additional coverage of neighboring regions (the Caucasus and the Caspian basin, Afghanistan, and western China). The course addresses the history of the region (from the Silk Road to Soviet rule), geography, religion, and the building of post-Soviet states and societies. LEC

REES 704 Church History of Russia I (3).

REES 709 Church History of Russia II (3).

REES 715 Seminar in the History of Russian Thought (3).

REES 799 Directed Readings in Russian and East European Studies (1-5).

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