Religion (RELI)

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Language courses RELI 1010 [1.0] Elementary Language Tutorial, RELI 2010 [1.0] Intermediate Language Tutorial and RELI 3010 [1.0] Advanced Language Tutorial are intended for students specializing in a particular religious tradition. They are offered according to the availability of members of the Discipline. Courses taken at the 2000-level or above will be mainly independent study under the supervision of a member of the Discipline. Students interested in taking these courses should consult the Coordinator.

RELI 1010 [1.0 credit]
Elementary Language Tutorial
Elementary study of the language required for studying a religious tradition.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 1902 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): Major/Minor in Religion or permission of the department.
Tutorial two hours a week.

RELI 1011 [1.0 credit]
Introductory Hebrew I
First level introduction for students with no knowledge of Hebrew. Presents essentials for biblical and modern Hebrew.
Also listed as HEBR 1904.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 1904 (no longer offered), HEBR 1904.
Three hours per week plus out-of-class requirements.

RELI 1012 [1.0 credit]
Biblical Greek I
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 1015 [0.5 credit]
Introductory Sanskrit I
Classical Sanskrit grammar and vocabulary.
Three hours per week plus out-of-class requirements.

RELI 1710 [0.5 credit]
Judaism, Christianity, Islam
A survey of the history, beliefs and practices of these major religious traditions.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 1000.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 1715 [0.5 credit]
South Asian Religions
A survey of the history, beliefs, and practices of South Asian religious traditions including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 1001 (no longer offered) and RELI 1711 (no longer offered).
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 1716 [0.5 credit]
East Asian Religions
A survey of the history, beliefs, and practices of East Asian religious traditions including Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism, and Shinto.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 1001 (no longer offered) and RELI 1711 (no longer offered).
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 1720 [0.5 credit]
Indigenous Religions in Global Context
This course illuminates a recent category of “World Religions” by examining cases from all five continents, as well as in diaspora (e.g., Brazilian Candomblé, Roma/Sinti religion). Key considerations include the study of minority religions, religion in oral cultures, myth and ritual studies, colonialism, globalization.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 1730 [0.5 credit]
Interpretations of Religion
Introduction to the academic study of religion by considering its fundamental components: myth, symbol, scripture, doctrine, code, and ritual, drawing material from a variety of world religions.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2002 and RELI 1205 and RELI 1402 and RELI 1731.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 1731 [0.5 credit]
Varieties of Religious Experience
The variety of religious experiences and their interpretations: myth, literature, art and religious doctrine. Topics include time, self, the other, journey and wisdom. Examples ranging from shamanistic experience to the abstractions of Buddhist philosophy.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 1205, RELI 1206 and RELI 1402 and RELI 2002.
Prerequisite(s): restricted to students registered in the Bachelor of Humanities program.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2010 [1.0 credit]
Intermediate Language Tutorial
Intermediate study of the language required for studying a religious tradition. Restricted to students registered in a Religion program.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2902 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): RELI 1902 or RELI 1010 or permission of the department.
Tutorial two hours a week.
RELI 2011 [1.0 credit]
Introductory Hebrew II
Second level introduction to the Hebrew language. Through reading modern and classical texts as well as conversation, students will learn vocabulary, grammar, and common idioms. Also listed as HEBR 2904. Precludes additional credit for RELI 2904 (no longer offered), HEBR 2904. Prerequisite(s): RELI 1904 or HEBR 1904 or RELI 1011 permission of the department. Three hours per week plus out-of-class requirements.

RELI 2015 [0.5 credit]
Introductory Sanskrit II
Classical Sanskrit grammar and vocabulary. Prerequisite(s): RELI 1015 or RELI 1905. Three hours per week plus out-of-class requirements.

RELI 2110 [0.5 credit]
Judaism
The history of Judaism and the Jewish people from the Second Temple until the present day. The organization, basic beliefs, social and ethical practices of the Jews and Judaism. Precludes additional credit for RELI 1008 and RELI 2508. Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2120 [0.5 credit]
Judaism: the Biblical Era
An introduction to the history of Judaism and the Jews as seen through biblical and non-biblical sources. Emphasis on the evolution of leadership, community, and institutions as the Hebrews move from tribal to national identity. Precludes additional credit for RELI 1002 and RELI 1200 and RELI 2206. Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2121 [0.5 credit]
Hebrew Bible
Introduces the Hebrew Bible within historical and religious frameworks. All texts are in English. Precludes additional credit for RELI 3505C taught in 2007-2008. Prerequisite(s): RELI 1710 or RELI 1000 or RELI 2110 or RELI 2508 or permission of the department. Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2122 [0.5 credit]
Early Judaism
Judaism and the Jewish people from the Maccabees to the Rabbinic Age. Sectarian movements (Pharisees, Sadducees, Qumran Covenanters) Christianity’s rise; revolutionaries (Zealots, Bar Kochba), Jewish responses to Hellenism, reshaping of Judaism after destruction of the Second Temple, Rabbinic Judaism in Palestine and the Diaspora. Precludes additional credit for RELI 2701. Prerequisite(s): second-year standing. Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2125 [0.5 credit]
Second Temple Judaism
The religious changes Judaism underwent in the tumultuous period 515 BCE - 70 CE; the historical course of events that resulted in the final destruction of the temple. Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2130 [0.5 credit]
Jewish Ethics
Studies the major text on Jewish Ethics, “ Chapters of the Elders” from various vantage points, including the historical and the theological. Precludes additional credit for RELI 3505A taught in 2007-2008. Prerequisite(s): RELI 1710 or RELI 1000 or RELI 2110 or RELI 2508 or permission of the department. Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2220 [0.5 credit]
Early Christianity
Introduction to the critical study of the writings of the New Testament with discussion of their Hellenistic and Jewish background, the historical Jesus, Paul and his letters, and historical and sociological explanations for the rise of the early church and interpretation of its writings. Precludes additional credit for RELI 1003, RELI 1200 and RELI 2207. Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2225 [0.5 credit]
Christianity 300-1500
This course examines the development of Christian practices and teachings from late antiquity to early modernity, with a special emphasis on their historical diversity and the complex dynamics of church formation. Students should expect to read (in English) both primary and secondary sources. Precludes additional credit for RELI 1007, RELI 2507, and RELI 2210 (no longer offered). Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2226 [0.5 credit]
Christianity 1500-1900
Developments in Christian practices and teachings over the early modern and modern periods, especially in relation to social changes commonly associated with modernity including: urbanization, state formation, industrialization, colonization, the development of capitalist economies. Precludes additional credit for RELI 1007, RELI 2507 and RELI 2210 (no longer offered). Lecture three hours a week.
RELI 2230 [0.5 credit]
Global Christianity
Survey of recent and current Christian movements around the world, both by region and thematically, with emphasis on institutions and networks that connect Christian communities across national boundaries. Special consideration is given to the cultural and political capacities of such Christian communities and networks.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2235 [0.5 credit]
Women in Christian Tradition
The status of women in Christianity, including such themes as images of women and gender roles in churches, recent feminist theologies, practical questions such as inclusive language and the ordination of women, and alternative approaches to Christian spirituality.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2003.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2310 [0.5 credit]
Islam
The study of Muslim religious tradition and investigation of its organization, basic beliefs, social and ethical principles and practices.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 1009 and RELI 2509.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2320 [0.5 credit]
Islam in the Modern World
An examination of Islam in the last two hundred years, including the nature of the Islamic resurgence and the new forms of Islamic vitality.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2704 and RELI 2702.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2321 [0.5 credit]
Ethical Theories in Islam
A survey of medieval and modern Muslim discourses on human nature, agency, and responsibility.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2330 [0.5 credit]
The Qur’an
An examination of the Qur’an’s content, form, style, central themes, canonization, and classical and contemporary interpretive traditions.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 1710 or RELI 2310 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2350 [0.5 credit]
Classical Islamic Thought
A survey of the development of the central ideas and schools of Islamic theology and philosophy from the eighth century to the end of the seventeenth century CE.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 3320 or RELI 3321.
Lecture three hours a week.
RELI 2713 [0.5 credit]
Mysticism
An historical and functional study of mystical experience in its religious context, relying on examples from selected traditions such as the Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2300.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2720 [0.5 credit]
Indigenous Religions of Canada
Religions of Inuit, First Nations and Métis peoples, past and present. Considerations include concepts of tradition, syncretism and “creative ritual.” Primary sources may include textual, visual and oral materials. Course may include fieldwork, as well as in-class presentations by community elders.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2730 [0.5 credit]
Religion and Ethics
The nature of religious ethics, both the explicit moral principles and rules of various religious traditions, and the general moral perspectives. A selection of contemporary moral issues examined in depth.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2305.
Prerequisite(s): 0.5 credit in RELI or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2731 [0.5 credit]
Dimensions of Modern Atheism
A historical survey of Western atheism as a major world religious tradition.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2732 [0.5 credit]
Death and Afterlife
The meaning of death and afterlife in some religious traditions and secular philosophies with emphasis on the Hindu teaching of the immortal soul; the Hebraic idea of collective survival; the Christian doctrine of resurrection of the body; the Buddhist conception of no-soul and nirvana.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2308.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2735 [0.5 credit]
Greek Religion
A study of religion in ancient Greece.
Also listed as CLCV 2103.
Precludes additional credit for CLCV 2102, RELI 2734, RELI 2102.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2736 [0.5 credit]
Religion and Society
Cross-cultural survey of religious institutions, focusing on theories and methodologies in the study of religion. Topics may include myth, totemism, cults, ritual, belief systems, altered states of consciousness, new religious and/or new age movements and the relationship of religion with other social institutions and processes.
Also listed as ANTH 2550.
Lectures and workshop three hours a week.

RELI 2737 [0.5 credit]
Roman Religion
A study of religion in ancient Rome.
Also listed as CLCV 2104.
Precludes additional credit for CLCV 2102 and RELI 2734 and RELI 2102.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2738 [0.5 credit]
Philosophy of Religion
A philosophical examination of some characteristic concepts of religion, such as faith, hope, worship, revelation, miracle, God.
Also listed as PHIL 2601.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2601 or PHIL 2601.
Prerequisite(s): a course in philosophy or second-year standing.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2750 [0.5 credit]
Sikhism
An examination of the basic beliefs, practices, and social structures of the Sikh tradition as reflected in Sikh scriptures, history and philosophical schools.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2840 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Religion
Content of this course may vary from year to year. Please check departmental website for information on the topic.
Precludes additional credit for repeated topics.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2841 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Religion
Contents of this course may vary from year to year. Please check departmental website for information on the topic.
Precludes additional credit for repeated topics.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 2842 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Judaism
Content of this course may vary from year to year. Please check departmental website for information on the topic.
Precludes additional credit for repeated topics.
Lecture three hours a week.
RELI 2843 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Islam
Content of the course may vary from year to year. Please check departmental website for information on the topic.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3010 [1.0 credit]
Advanced Language Tutorial
Advanced study of the language required for studying a religious tradition.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 3902 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2902 (no longer offered) or RELI 2010 or permission of the department.
Tutorial two hours a week.

RELI 3011 [1.0 credit]
Advanced Hebrew
Advanced study of the Hebrew language through reading modern and biblical texts as well as through listening to dialogues and short stories to learn the use of all language components including morphology, syntax, and expressions.
Also listed as HEBR 3904.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2011, RELI 2904, HEBR 2904 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week plus out-of-class requirements.

RELI 3120 [0.5 credit]
Rabbinic Texts
Explores classical rabbinic texts in historical perspective. All texts are in English.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2110 or RELI 2121 or RELI 2508 or RELI 2842 Section "A" (Fall 2009) or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3130 [0.5 credit]
Love, Sex and Marriage in Judaism
The Jewish tradition's teachings, laws and customs surrounding love, sex and marriage in historical perspective with emphasis on contemporary Jewish life.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 1710 or RELI 2110 or RELI 2508 or RELI 3505 (Winter 2007 and 2008) or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3131 [0.5 credit]
Judaism and Gender
An interdisciplinary survey of Judaism and gender highlighting the status and role of gender within Jewish thought, law, practice and experience.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 1710 or RELI 2110 or RELI 1000 or RELI 2508 permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3140 [0.5 credit]
Holocaust Encounters
An examination of the experiences of different Jewish communities before, during, and after the Holocaust. Issues to be discussed include anti-Semitism, relations with non-Jewish neighbours, perpetrator motivation, local collaboration, resistance, postwar trials and memory.
Also listed as HIST 3714.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3141 [0.5 credit]
Germans and Jews
An examination of Jewish society, culture and religious practice in modern and contemporary Germany. Issues to be explored include emancipation, acculturation, secularization, religious adjustment, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, emigration, and the role of migration in transforming the contemporary community.
Also listed as HIST 3718.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3220 [0.5 credit]
Reformation Europe
A history of the Protestant and Catholic Reformations of the sixteenth century, with emphasis on the theological disputes of the protagonists and the impact of these disputes on the social, political and cultural developments of the era.
Also listed as HIST 3708.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 3708 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): 0.5 credit at the 2000-level in HIST or third-year standing.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3222 [0.5 credit]
Women in Early Christianity
The role and presence of women in early Christianity up to the 3rd century, including women among Jesus' followers, women with authority in Paul's churches, and the changing role of women as Christianity became a Roman religion.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2220 or RELI 2207 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3230 [0.5 credit]
Jesus of Nazareth
A study of the historical records of the life of Jesus, the methods used to interpret them, and the resulting images of Jesus.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2205, RELI 3208 and RELI 3105.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2207 or RELI 2202 or permission of the department.
Lectures three hours a week.
RELI 3231 [0.5 credit]
Paul of Tarsus
The social, religious, and historical context of Paul, the
communities he founded, and the letters he wrote to them.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 3300 and RELI 3106.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2207 or RELI 2220 or permission of
the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3232 [0.5 credit]
Christian Discipline
An historical survey of key Christian thought and practices
at the individual and collective level. Topics may include
self-discipline, body discipline, monastic discipline, church
discipline and social discipline.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 3302 Section "A"
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the
department.

RELI 3250 [0.5 credit]
Evangelical Christianity in Social-Historical
Perspective
The development of some protestant Christianities in
relation to material factors, such as colonialism, industrial
or consumer capitalism, imperialism, and in relation to
major ideological trends, such as nationalism, economic or
political liberalism and atheism.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3322 [0.5 credit]
Shi'i Islam
An introduction to the historical, doctrinal, and socio-
political development of Shi'i Islam from the middle of the
seventh century to the end of the twentieth century CE.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2310.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3325 [0.5 credit]
Contemporary Islamic Thought
An investigation into the views of some leading
contemporary Muslim intellectuals vis-a-vis problems
pertaining to metaphysics, cosmology, religious pluralism,
epistemology, law, hermeneutics, education, gender,
bioethics, and democracy.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2310 or permission of the
department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3330 [0.5 credit]
Sufism
An introduction to the main practical and theoretical
dimensions of Islam's mystical tradition as seen through
the life and work of its key representatives.
Prerequisite(s): RELI 2710 or RELI 2713 or permission of
the department.
Lecture three hours a week.
RELI 3520 [0.5 credit]
Early Hinduism
A historical survey of Hinduism from the Vedic era to the
development of devotional Hinduism. Vedic religion and
developments in early Hindu Philosophy and sectarian
Hinduism.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 3015.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3522 [0.5 credit]
Modern Hinduism
A survey of major developments in Hinduism since
the period of colonial British rule. The development of
"reform" Hinduism in the 18th and 19th centuries, and the
emergence of Hindu nationalist movements in the 20th
century.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 3007.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3710 [0.5 credit]
Religions and the Environment
Attitudes in the major world religions to nature and the
environment and recent responses by religious traditions
to ecological degradation and crisis. Includes examination
of religious sensibilities expressed in environmentalism.
Precludes additional credit for RELI 2307 (Section A taken
fall 2003, fall 2004, fall 2005, summer 2006) and RELI
3100 taken in 2008.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and RELI 1000 or
RELI 1710 or RELI 1001 or RELI 1711; or permission of
the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3721 [0.5 credit]
Modern Thought on Religion
Modern religious theorists, modern theorists of religion, as
well as critics of each. Attention will be given, in the mode
of a social history of ideas, to the relation of such thought
to the conditions of modernity.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the
department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3722 [0.5 credit]
Religion and Violence
A thematic course that examines putative cases of
"religion and violence" from a range of world traditions,
but also interrogates aspects of the "religion and violence"
rubric itself.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the
department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3732 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Greek Art
A study of period or theme in the art and archaeology of
Ancient Greece. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also listed as ARTH 3102, CLCV 3306.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the
unit. Permission of the unit required to repeat.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3733 [0.5 credit]
Studies in Roman Art
A study of a period or theme in the art and archaeology of
the ancient Romans. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also listed as ARTH 3105, CLCV 3307.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the
unit. Permission of the unit required to repeat.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3740 [0.5 credit]
Modern Thought on Religion
Modern religious theorists, modern theorists of religion, as
well as critics of each. Attention will be given, in the mode
of a social history of ideas, to the relation of such thought
to the conditions of modernity.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the
department.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3741 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Islam
Content of this course may vary from year to year. Please
check departmental website for information on topic.
Precludes additional credit for repeated topics.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3742 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Judaism
Content of this course may vary from year to year. Please
check departmental website for information on topic.
Precludes additional credit for repeated topics.
Lecture three hours a week.

RELI 3743 [0.5 credit]
Topics in the Study of Religion Abroad
This travel course explores religion in its historical and/or
contemporary contexts in a particular geographic locale.
Travel destinations, religious traditions studied, course
content, and themes vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): third year standing and 1.0 credit of
study in the area related to the year's topic religion,
and permission of the department. Permission of the
department is required to repeat this course.
Hours to be arranged. Costs associated with the course
are borne by the student.
**RELI 4740 [0.5 credit]**  
**Theory and Method**  
Examination of selected theoretical and methodological models used in the interpretation of religious data. Precludes additional credit for RELI 3301 and RELI 4301. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Honours B.A. Religion program, or permission of the department. Seminar three hours a week.

**RELI 4840 [0.5 credit]**  
**Tutorial**  
A tutorial on a topic in religious studies. Contents of the tutorial to be arranged with the supervising faculty member. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Honours B.A. Religion program, or permission of the department.

**RELI 4850 [0.5 credit]**  
**Seminar in the Study of Religion**  
Content of this course may vary from year to year. Please consult the departmental website for information on the topic. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Honours B.A. Religion program, or permission of the department. Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as RELI 5850, for which additional credit is precluded. Seminar three hours a week.

**RELI 4851 [0.5 credit]**  
**Seminar in Western Religions**  
Content of this course may vary from year to year. Please consult the departmental website for information on the topic. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Honours B.A. Religion program, and permission of the department. Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as RELI 5851, for which additional credit is precluded. Seminar three hours a week.

**RELI 4852 [0.5 credit]**  
**Seminar in Asian Religions**  
Content of this course may vary from year to year. Please consult the departmental website for information on the topic. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Honours B.A. Religion program, or permission of the department. Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as RELI 5852, for which additional credit is precluded. Seminar three hours a week.

**RELI 4990 [1.0 credit]**  
**Honours Research Essay**  
Honours research paper (approx. 40 pages) is due on the last day of winter term classes. Written proposal due to the Proposal Board on the first day of fall term classes. Please consult department document for full requirements and information. Precludes additional credit for RELI 4908 and RELI 4909. Prerequisite(s): 10.0 CGPA and fourth-year standing in the Honours B.A. Religion program, or permission of the department.

**Summer session**: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca