REL 1000  Intro to Religious Studies
001 MWF 10:00-10:50
002 MWF 9:00-9:50

In this course we will explore common themes in a variety of religious expressions. We will raise questions about the human condition and the ways that humans create meaning for themselves through religion. We will examine various theories used in the study of religion to learn about the nature of religion.

REL 1690 - 601 World Religions
ONLINE

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WORLD RELIGIONS. We explore the origins, historical developments, teachings, and current status of some major world religions, such as Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. We learn how these traditions address in different ways many questions, such as: What is the basic human predicament, what solutions are offered, what is the meaning and purpose of life, are religions basically similar or different, and will religion survive? The course carries credit for Humanities (HU) and Global Diversity (GD). The course is online asynchronous. For information about the course or a Religious Studies major or double major, contact Dr. Calvin Mercer at mercerc@ecu.edu or visit www.ecu.edu/religionprogram.

REL 2340 - 602 Religion & Science
ONLINE

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This course considers the history, current models (e.g., conflict, dialogue, integration), and contemporary debates in the conversation about religion and science. We’ll examine two case studies: (1) the evolution verses creationism/intelligent design debate and (2) the religious implications and dimensions of radical human enhancement technology, i.e., using genetic engineering, tissue engineering, robotics, and other breakthrough technologies to radically enhance humans physically, cognitively, affectively, morally, and spiritually. The course is open to any student, helps satisfy the humanities requirement, and can help satisfy requirements for a Religious Studies major or double major. The course is an asynchronous online course. For more information about the major or double major, visit www.ecu.edu/religionprogram. For more information about the course, contact Dr. Calvin Mercer, mercerc@ecu.edu.
In this course, we will explore the intersection of community-based learning and community-based research by learning about the role of religion in community transformation and development. Some topics we will consider include Religion and health awareness, religion and poverty, religion and rehabilitation, interfaith co-existence and collaboration, religion and youth outreach, religion and politics among others.
This course will examine diverse major world religions experiences. The course explores the world’s major religions including indigenous religions, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese religions, and the future of religion. This course qualifies for Gen Ed Humanities and for Global Diversity credit.