RELIGION (REL)

**REL 040: Introduction to the Study of Religions (3-4 Credits)**
This course introduces key concepts and theoretical questions in the academic study of religion drawing on methodology and the content of multiple disciplines. It explores the ways in which religious thought, texts, rituals, and phenomena function in different traditions and in different historical and geographical contexts within traditions. Students will examine the ways in which religious identity interacts with other aspects of identity such as gender, class, ability, race, sexuality, and national origin.

**Meets the following Core requirements:** Community Engagement, International Perspectives, Race, Gender & Power

**Meets the following Gen Ed requirements:** Human Institutions and Behavior, Multicultural Perspectives

**REL 180: Special Topics (3-4 Credits)**

**REL 180C: Historic Interactions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (3-4 Credits)**
This course surveys the rise and development of the three major world religions grounded in the Abrahamic narrative: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We begin by investigating the founding narratives common to all three traditions and the intertwined nature of their origins. We then move to examine how Judaism, Christianity, and Islam interacted with and influenced each other during the Medieval and Renaissance periods. We conclude with how the three traditions engage common facets of modernity—the rise of fundamentalisms, liberation theologies, involvement in global civil rights movements.

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**Meets the following Gen Ed requirements:** Historical Perspectives