Religion (REL)

REL 150: Introduction to the World's Major Religions
A survey of the origins, teachings, practices, and present-day situation of the world's major religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Shinto, Taoism, and indigenous traditions.

Credits: 3

REL 151: Religion & the Meaning of Existence
An investigation of basic concepts running through the world's major religious traditions that bear on the issue of what constitutes and enhances the meaningfulness of human existence.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 100 with a grade of C or better or equivalent or consent of instructor.

REL 200: Understanding the Old Testament
Examination of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) as an expression of the religious life, history, and thought of ancient Israel and as a sacred text within later Judaism and Christianity.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent or consent of the instructor.

REL 201: Understanding the New Testament
Intellectual analysis of the origin and development of the early Christian message as set forth in the New Testament. Special attention will be given to the messages of Jesus and Paul and their relevance to the modern world.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent or the consent of instructor.

REL 202: Understanding Indian Religions
Teachings and practices of major religious traditions of India, to include Hindu traditions, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. Some attention will be given to the influences of Islam and Christianity on these traditions.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.
Recommended Prep: REL 150.

REL 204: Understanding Japanese Religions
Broad survey, with primary focus on Shinto, Buddhist and modern sectarian movements, analyzed in relation to social and cultural themes of major historical periods.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 100 with a grade of C or better or equivalent or consent of instructor.

REL 205: Understanding Hawaiian Religion
A general introductory survey of Hawaiian religious teaching and practice from ancient times to the present.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent or consent of instructor.

REL 207: Understanding Buddhism
An investigation of the major forms, practices and concepts of the Buddhist tradition.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 100 with a grade of C or better or equivalent or consent of instructor.
REL 209: Understanding Islam
REL 209 focuses on the history, scriptures, beliefs, practices, law, and philosophy of Islam.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 100 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.

REL 210: Understanding Christianity
History of ideas concentrating on events, persons, and issues with the greatest impact on the development of Christianity.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 with a grade of C or better or equivalent or the consent of instructor.
Recommended Prep: REL 150.