

RELIGION

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Curriculum

- Combination Degrees
- Religion
- Religion Minor

Courses

ANT 3153 North American Archaeology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Interpretive survey of the ancient indigenous history of North America and archaeological approaches to its investigation.

Prerequisite: ANT 2000 or ANT 2140 or sophomore standing or higher.

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

ANT 3241 Anthropology of Religion 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Cross-cultural survey of beliefs and practices dealing with the supernatural, magic, and religion. Conceptualization of the supernatural. Sacred specialists, their function, and social position. Theories of comparative religion in light of anthropological data.

Prerequisite: ANT 2000 or ANT 2140 or sophomore standing or higher.

CLT 3371 Religions of the Graeco-Roman World 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Development, importance, and influence of Greek and Roman religion and cult practice. The main literary and epigraphical sources are read in translation.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

Attributes: General Education - International

IDS 1114 Ethics and the Public Sphere 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examination of the ways in which ethical concerns are aired and debated in the public sphere, including civic institutions, media organizations, and the market. Questions explored may touch on such topics as honesty in media, humility in the face of disagreement, and the pursuit of justice in a contentious society.

Prerequisite: Restricted to undergraduate degree-seeking students.

Attributes: Quest 1, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

IDS 1689 Media, Social Self 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Explores human engagement with the media-saturated digital landscape, including making sense of the information and narratives encountered there and understanding individual and social implications.

Attributes: Quest 1

LIT 3173 Jewish Literature 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Variable topics in the Jewish literary experience, from the biblical narrative and classical tales to Yiddish and Hebrew literature, the modern European novel, and American Jewish fiction.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

PHI 3700 Philosophy of Religion 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Studies problems in philosophical theology, including the nature of God, arguments for God's existence, the problem of evil, and the relation between faith and reason, from both historical and contemporary perspectives.

Prerequisite: (Philosophy major) OR (Philosophy minor) OR ((PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or PHI 1001 or PHI 1322 or PHI 1643 or IDS 1114) with a minimum grade of C or (Critical Tracking semester 3 or greater).

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

POS 4291 Religion and Politics in the United States 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigates the role of religious institutions, values and communities in contemporary American political life. (WR)

Prerequisite: refer to the department.

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 1107 Nature, Spirituality, and Popular Culture 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The course examines nature-related global processes and the religious, spiritual, political dimensions of artistic productions and scientific representations in 'popular culture.' It illuminates the tributaries, hybridities, and controversies that flow from these processes in the ongoing struggle of humankind to understand its place in and responsibilities toward the living world.

Prerequisite: Restricted to degree-seeking undergraduates.

Attributes: Quest 1, General Education - International, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 1144 Religious Extremism 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

What is religious extremism? Who are the extremists? This course digs into these and other questions and provides students with critical knowledge about what is called extremism within Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism, while also investigating it in relation to topics such as nationalism, race(ism), and gender and sexuality.

Prerequisite: Restricted to degree-seeking undergraduates.

Attributes: Quest 1, General Education - International

REL 1163 God, Humanity, and Evolution 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the language used to describe sciences and religions, focusing on Charles Darwin's evolutionary theory through the writings of leading thinkers, including from the Western canon, who portray the ways that evolution reshaped religion, and religion reshaped the sciences. Students are instructed in writing about foundational concepts in the sciences and the humanities.

Prerequisite: Restricted to undergraduate degree-seeking students.

Attributes: Quest 1, General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 1411 Why Is There Evil In The World? 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The problem of evil has been a focus of intense reflection by philosophers, theologians, psychologists, and novelists. Students will address this key theme in the human condition in this course. The class will enable students to analyze this question in a written form and orally by drawing on a variety of methodologies from different fields in the humanities including philosophy, religion, history, and art. Students will not only read and analyze classical texts from the Western canon and beyond, such as the biblical book of Job, as well modern interpretation of classical themes in TV shows such as Good Omens. The case studies examined, historical and contemporary alike, including Egypt in antiquity, Italy of the Middle Ages, and twentieth century Germany and France.

Attributes: Quest 1, General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 2071 Sustainability and Religion 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the relationship between religion and sustainability and explores how the worlds different religious traditions address the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainability. Topics include social and environmental justice, sustainable consumption and sustainable agriculture. Case studies highlight multiple religious perspectives, especially in Latin America and south Asia. (WR)

Attributes: Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 2085 Religion and Violence 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introductory course surveys historical, philosophical, and anthropological scholarship on religion and violence. Interdisciplinary approach allows students to think about how various religious traditions, including from Western traditions, have dealt with violence. Draws on philosophical, historical, and anthropological studies of violence.

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International, Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 2090 Indigenous Religions of the World 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Describes and compares the religious traditions of indigenous peoples from several different areas of the globe in terms of their cosmogonies, cosmologies, inter-relationalities, and eschatologies.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

REL 2104 Environmental Ethics 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores competing secular and religious views regarding human impacts on and moral responsibilities toward nature and of the key thinkers and social movements in contention over them. (WR)

Attributes: Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 2121 American Religious History 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Historical inquiry into the ideological origins and social context of American religious life.

REL 2158 Religion and Social Movements 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores religion's role in movements for social change, including reasons movements form, strategies they use, and their impact. Focuses on the distinctive ways religion shapes social movement trajectories and outcomes. Pays special attention to recent changes such as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and protests against police violence.

Prerequisite: Any Quest 1 course with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: Quest 2, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 2210 Hebrew Scriptures 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

History, literature, and beliefs of the Israelites from the Biblical text in the light of modern scholarship.

REL 2240 Introduction to the New Testament 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

An introduction to the writings of the New Testament in the context of the historical development of early Christianity. Includes selections from the Western canon.

Attributes: General Education - Humanities

REL 2300 Introduction to World Religions 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces key themes, figures, and sacred texts in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and the religions of South and East Asia. We will look at the history and key moments in the religions, scripture, beliefs, and practices, the Athens-Jerusalem heritage of Christianity and Judaism, and see how some of these religions are present in Florida.

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

REL 2301 Introduction to Hindu Culture 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

History, performing arts, and cultural expressions of the Hindu traditions of India and in the diaspora.

REL 2315 Religion in Asia 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Studies the religious dimensions of human culture, focusing on Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto. (N) (WR)

Attributes: General Education - International, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 2334 Religions of India 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introductory course focusing on the religious traditions and cultural diversity seen in the Indian subcontinent and the engagement of Hindu texts with western philosophy and classics. Using historical and thematic approaches, this course will focus on texts, rituals, and philosophy of Hinduism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 2341 Introduction to Buddhism 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

General historical survey of the central beliefs, doctrines, and practices that have fashioned the character of Buddhism as a global religion that transcends ethnic, cultural, and linguistic boundaries. Covers the early historical development of Buddhism, formation of its major traditions, and emergence of altruistic ideals espoused by the Mahayana movement. Explores the spread and transformation of Buddhism outside of Asia, including historic encounters between Buddhism and Western traditions. Incorporates insights and sources drawn from major humanistic disciplines such as history, literature, philosophy, and religious studies.

Attributes: General Education - Humanities**REL 2362 Introduction to Islam 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Historical introduction to Islamic tradition. The foundational elements of the tradition, based on the life of Prophet Muhammad and the text of the Qur'an and on an examination of subsequent Islamic expressions. (N)

Attributes: General Education - International**REL 2388 Indigenous Religions of the Americas 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

This course introduces the student to the historical and contemporary religious beliefs and practices of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Explores how these roots are evident throughout western religious traditions today. (H)(WR)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 2502 Introduction to Christianity 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Includes origins and development of Christianity, beliefs and rituals, global diversity, Christianity-inspired literature, and engagement with contemporary cultural issues.

REL 2600 Jews, Judaism, and Jewishness 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Multidisciplinary approach to the Jewish experience from its Biblical origins to modern times.

REL 2930 Topics in Religion 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Variable topics at an introductory level.

REL 3022 Myth and Ritual 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Theory and method in the anthropological and religious studies of myths, rituals, religious specialists, and religious movements using examples from cultures throughout the world.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3076 Cults and New Religious Movements 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigates significant new religious movements such as the People's Temple and the Branch Davidians. The origins, internal structure, popularity, and functioning of these movements as well as claims of manipulation and discrimination.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3082 Global Ethics 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores ethical dimensions of global social, political, and environmental issues. Introduction to and application of diverse theoretical approaches in philosophical and religion ethics to contemporary global issues such as human rights, war and peace, climate change, and public health.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** General Education - International, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3098 Religion Medicine and Healing 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Non-conventional healers and healing practices in religious traditions around the globe.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** General Education - International, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3099 Spirituality and Health Care 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigation of the relationship between religious and spiritual beliefs, alternative and traditional medical practice, and Western biomedicine, in historical and contemporary context.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement

REL 3108 Religion and Food 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the relationship between food and religion by investigating food in the context of specific religious traditions, such as Hinduism, and examines food as a moral and ethical category in religious and secular contexts, e.g., organic and locavore.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3120 Religion and Migration 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Survey of the roles that various religions have played in some significant movements of people around the globe.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3136 Global Religions in the United States 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigates the religious lives of post-1965 Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Global Christian immigrants from Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa and their interactions with American society.

Prerequisite: Sophomore Standing.**Attributes:** General Education - International, Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3139 African American Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Interdisciplinary study of African American religious experience from its beginnings in the 17th century to the present.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3140 Religion and Society 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Interaction of religion and social institutions; the ways religious groups influence and are influenced by the socio-cultural environment.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3160 Religion and Science 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the relationship between religion, science, and philosophy in different religious traditions, focusing on the West. (WR)

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3171 Ethics in America 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines ethical issues facing contemporary US society, with a focus on cultural and religious diversity. Introduces major religious and philosophical frameworks as ways of understanding and addressing these issues.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3191 Death and the Afterlife: Perspectives from World Religions 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines conceptions of death and the afterlife from the perspectives of various religious traditions and popular culture. Considers certain ethical issues related to death and how some American religious traditions engage with such issues.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3213 Hebrew Bible as Literature 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Intensive introduction to the literary study of the Hebrew Bible within the context of ancient Near Eastern literature and history.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3249 The Christian Gospels 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Redaction-critical study of selected portions of the canonical Gospels with particular attention to the development of traditions about Jesus in the earliest church. (WR)

Prerequisite: REL 2210 or REL 2240, or instructor permission.**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3252 Acts, Paul, and Early Christianity 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the narrative of the beginning of Christianity according to the Book of Acts, especially as it describes the career of Paul. The second half focuses on the letters of Paul as an alternative source for understanding the earliest forms of Christianity.

Prerequisite: REL 2210 or REL 2240, or instructor permission.

REL 3291 Gender and the Hebrew Bible 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Critical examination of the literary representation and historical realities of gender and sexuality in ancient Israel through close readings of selected texts from the Hebrew Bible.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3294 Apocalypticism 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores Jewish and Christian apocalypticism through a survey of apocalyptic texts from the Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Jewish literature (including the Dead Sea Scrolls), and the New Testament.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3305 Global Christianity 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Presents Christianity as an agent of globalization, contributing to the homogeneity and heterogeneity of contemporary society and creating the doctrinal and ritualistic diversity of Christianity in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Analyzes the patterns in which Christianity continues and changes in different geographical regions.

Prerequisite: Sophomore status or higher.**REL 3318 Chinese Religions 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Comprehensive historical survey of the main religious traditions in China, with focus on Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3321 Early Judaism and Christianity 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the Jewish-Christian encounter. The historical interaction between Judaism and Christianity, including how each group symbolized the other, and the practical implications of the representations.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** General Education - International, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3336 Religion in Modern India 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Studies religious traditions of India and their interpretation in relation to conditions of the modern world.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** General Education - International, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3370 Religions of Africa 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Religion and culture in Africa, the encounter of Islam and Christianity with indigenous religions, and diasporic reformulations.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** General Education - International, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3381 Religion in Latin America 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Main religious traditions in Latin America: native religions, Catholicism in its various forms, Protestantism, and African-based religions.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** General Education - International**REL 3391 Religion and the Paranormal 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Multidisciplinary approach to the role of the paranormal in human life and culture, including literary, historical, religious, and folkloric studies. The paranormal as a boundary category in modernity at the edge of both religion and science. History of empirical approaches to the paranormal in early psychology and parapsychology. Context for cross-cultural interpretation of paranormal events such as possession and healing.

Prerequisite: Sophomore status.**REL 3410 Religion and Nationalism 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Direct and indirect influences of religion on nationalism and the relationship that exists between them historically and today. Understanding this relationship is important to national security and national interests in the US and globally. Explores topics of colonialism, linguistic nationalism, identity, gender, social movements, and family.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

REL 3463 God: Beliefs, Concepts, Issues 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigates central issues connected with the concept of God in Western religious traditions. Topics include arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, theodicy, faith, and reason.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3492 Religion Ethics and Nature 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Religious perspectives on nature and the environment that focus on different theological understandings of the natural world; approaches to using natural resources, and efforts to understand human responsibility for the realm of nature.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3931 Junior Seminar 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Intensive introduction to the study of religion. Required of all religion majors during the junior year.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 3938 Special Topics in Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Special topics in religion.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 4092 Ethics, Utopias, and Dystopias 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines relationships between ethics and utopias in literature, religious communities, and millenarian movements.

Prerequisite: instructor permission.**Attributes:** Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4103 Religion and Nature in North America 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigates ways that religion and nature have evolved and influenced one another during the cultural, political, and environmental history of North America since European contact.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 4141 Religion and Social Change 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigates diverse relations between religion and processes of social change. Uses both theoretical and ethnographic case studies to explore issues raised by religion's social role in the US, Britain, Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4145 Gender, Women, Sexuality, and Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the ways that gender and sexuality are experienced and interpreted in different religious traditions.

Prerequisite: instructor permission.**REL 4188 Environmental Values and Practice 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the ethical, religious, and political dimensions of the relationship between ideas and practices, including the divergence between expressed values and actual practices, and some possible reasons for this divergence.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 4209 Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Jewish Literature 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the varieties of literature that arose within Judaism from 250 BCE to 220 CE, including selections from the Dead Sea Scrolls, the OT Pseudepigrapha, Philo, and Josephus.

Prerequisite: refer to the department.**REL 4221 The Pentateuch 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

In-depth study of the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) in light of modern biblical scholarship.

Prerequisite: instructor permission.

REL 4349 Buddhist Meditation 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Theory and practice of Buddhist meditation; focuses on the systems of meditation practice developed by the Theravada school in Sri Lanka and the main traditions of Chinese Buddhism.

Prerequisite: introduction to Buddhism or instructor permission.**REL 4367 The History of Islam in the Modern World 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

History of Muslims from the 18th century to the present with particular attention to certain critical issues and interpretations in relation to conditions of the modern world. (N) (WR)

Prerequisite: REL 2362.**Attributes:** General Education - International, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4368 Global Islam 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Addresses the need for a deeper understanding of the diversity of Muslim cultures/societies in the contemporary global context; combines topical and geographical approach and studies Islam as it intersects with broader social, cultural, political, and economic dynamics.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 4371 Islam in Africa 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Development of Muslim societies in Africa from the 7th to the early 20th century with a focus on the religious dynamics that led to the formation of a multitude of African Muslim cultures.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing or higher.**REL 4382 Religion and Politics in Latin America 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Relationship between religion and politics in Latin America from a variety of perspectives and approaches. Addresses millenarian movements, gender, ethnicity and class, as well as church-state dynamics.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** General Education - International**REL 4393 Islam in the Americas 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides knowledge of Islam in the Americas from the 15th century to the present.(WR)

Prerequisite: instructor permission.**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4400 Religion and Psychology 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Covers history of philosophy and religion on psychological theories of consciousness, intelligence, cognition, as well as the mind's role in the construction of knowledge, ignorance and morality, and it facilitates students in articulating their psychological models to explain human experience, belief, and well-being.

Prerequisite: Junior standing or higher.**REL 4905 Individual Work 1-5 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Majors or other advanced undergraduates who wish to supplement regular coursework by individual studies under guidance may apply to a member of the faculty for individual work.

Prerequisite: 9 credits in religion or department permission.**REL 4930 Special Topics in Religious Thought 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Special topics in religious thought.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 4932 Thesis Seminar in Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Thesis preparation option for honors-level students.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**REL 4933 The Comparative Study of Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

History and major methods that have contributed to the modern study of religion.

Prerequisite: Junior standing or higher and department permission.

REL 4936 Special Topics in Religious Studies 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Advanced study for those with proper preparation of selected topics involving one or more religious traditions.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4956 Overseas Studies 1-18 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides a mechanism by which coursework taken as part of an approved study abroad program can be recorded on the UF transcript and counted toward graduation.

Prerequisite: undergraduate advisor permission.**SRK 1120 Beginning Sanskrit 1 4 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

First of a two-semester series that introduces the Sanskrit language through the Devanagari Script.

SRK 1121 Beginning Sanskrit 2 4 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Second of a two-semester series that introduces the Sanskrit language through the Devanagari Script with an emphasis on reading, writing, grammar and oral recitation.

SRK 2200 Intermediate Sanskrit 1 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Intermediate study of Sanskrit to increase knowledge of vocabulary by developing reading and translation skills.

Prerequisite: SRK 1121 with a minimum grade of C, or equivalent.**SYO 4200 Sociology of Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Sociological perspective on religions, including religious ideologies and rituals. Social aspects of the religious and religious aspects of the social.

Organized religions and religions.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.