



Course Guide: Spring and Summer 2019

What is Religious Studies? Religious Studies is an *interdisciplinary academic program* that explores “what matters” to people and how beliefs, symbols, rituals, spaces, etc. serve as resources in a variety of contexts as human beings make sense of and live out their lives. It *engages a variety of professional fields* and provides important *preparation for thinking, communicating and functioning professionally and personally* in a complex, multi-dimensional world. For information about degrees and courses contact: **Dr. Corrie Norman**, Associate Director and Advisor, 226 Bradley Memorial Building | cenorman@wisc.edu | <http://religiousstudies.wisc.edu>

Spring 2019 Courses

Open to all students, an ideal intro to Religious Studies

RS 101 (Ele)	Religion in Global Perspective	HUM	DuBois	MW +sec	11:00AM-11:50AM
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Theme: Place, Sacrality, and Pilgrimage. Human religion grounds itself in place. In this course, we examine the sacrality of place and the various practices religious traditions have developed over time to acknowledge, activate, and acquire a place-based sense of the sacred in personal or communal life. **Skills:** comparative and interdisciplinary analysis, intercultural competence, religious literacy. 3 credits. **Gateway course for RS Major and certificate.**

New Courses for Spring '19

RS 234 (Int)	Genres of Western Religious Writing	HUM	Hildner	MWF	9:55AM-10:45AM
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Two 234 sections offered. This is a new one taught by Prof. David Hildner: How have the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faiths been "put into words" over the course of their history? Our section of RS 234 will explore a recurrent theme in the three traditions: the relationship between human strength, human weakness, and the divine. In many of our texts, concepts of strength and weakness undergo important transformations and surprising reversals. **COMMB.** 3 credits.

RS 400 (Int)	Christianity: Interpretation & Practice	HUM	Norman	TTh	1:00PM-2:15PM
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What do Christians believe and how do they experience Christianity? What ideas and practices do they have in common and how do they vary? Why? We will use primary sources from Christian scriptures to contemporary writings in our explorations and our primary mode of investigation will be comparative across varieties of Christianity. 3 credits. **Honors option. Meets writing Intensive Requirement for UW Medical School** (papers on health and Christianity possible).

RS 400 (Int)	Problem of Evil in Jewish & Christian Literature	HUM	Zilbergerts	TTh	11:00AM-12:15PM
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Literature serves as a medium through which people work through life's greatest questions. Among those are, How do we understand and respond to the prevalence of evil in the world? How do we define evil? What is the difference between evil and tragedy? How do we think about God and evil? This course will take students on a literary journey to explore some of humanity's most difficult questions. 3 credits. **Honors option.**

RS 410 (Int)	Children and Religion in America	HUM or SS	Ridgely	MW	2:30PM-3:45PM
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This course is based upon the assumption children are important participants in religious communities; that they co-create their religious traditions. Through our studies of children's lives in various religious communities in America (mostly), we will explore how including children's perspectives shifts general claims about religious groups and their practices. 3 credits. **Z breath. Honors option. Meets writing Intensive Requirement for UW Medical School.**

Summer 2019 Courses

RS 102 (Ele)	Exploring Religion in Sickness and Health	HUM or SS	Norman	M-Th	9:30AM-12:00PM
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How do people understand and live in sickness and health? How are physical and spiritual well-being connected? How do medicine and meaning-making intersect? 3 credits. **Skills:** interdisciplinary analysis, writing, cultural literacy, conversing across viewpoints. **Honors option. Gateway course for Religious Studies major, and the Religious Studies and Health-Humanities certificates. Counts toward Global Health Certificate.** (Z). HDD Term, 4 weeks: July 15-August 11

RS 400 (Int)	Religious Studies for Leadership in Practice	HUM	Naparstek	Online course: 5/27 to 6/23	
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Looking at case-studies at the local, national, and global level, this course will provide a conceptual toolbox to ask critical questions of how local leaders, state agencies, national militaries, and global corporations engage with people and their environment. Students will evaluate real-world situations to identify areas for critical intervention and formulate useful responses to challenges in light of religious cultures and, in so doing, increase the likelihood for sustainable success. 3 credits.

See reverse side for a complete list of Spring 2019 courses.

SPRING 2018-2019

RELIG ST 101 - Religion in Global Perspective

001	LEC	DuBois, Thomas (0003226099)	MW 11am-11:50am
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RELIG ST 173 - Consuming Happiness

001	LEC	Whelan, Christine (0005450750)	MW 9:55am-10:45am
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RELIG ST 209 - Western Intellectual and Religious History since 1500

001	LEC	Carlsson, Eric (0000254108)	MWF 9:55am-10:45am
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RELIG ST 234 - Genres of Western Religious Writing

001	LEC	Rosenhagen, Ulrich (0004296300)	TTh 11am-12:15pm
002	LEC	Hildner, David (0002601745)	MWF 9:55am-10:45am

RELIG ST 236 - Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters

001	LEC	Huntington, Rania (0000245378)	MW 9:55am-10:45am
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RELIG ST 253 - Of Demons and Angels. Dante's Divine Comedy

001	LEC	Todorovic, Jelena (0004616865)	TTh 9:30am-10:45am
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RELIG ST 308 - Introduction to Buddhism

001	LEC	Hansen, Anne (0000257624)	MW 4pm-5:15pm
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RELIG ST 309 - The Crusades: Christianity and Islam

001	LEC	Lapina, Elizabeth (0000586959)	MW 8am-9:15am
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RELIG ST 328 - Classical Rabbinic Literature in Translation

001	LEC	Rosenblum, Jordan (0004461491)	MW 8am-9:15am
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RELIG ST 332 - Prophets of the Bible

001	LEC	Greene, Nathaniel (0004906849)	TTh 1pm-2:15pm
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RELIG ST 355 - Hinduism

001	LEC	Cerulli, Anthony (0000939147)	MW 11am-11:50am
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RELIG ST 400 - Topics in Religious Studies - Humanities

001	LEC	Norman, Corrie (0004906403)	TTh 1pm-2:15pm	Christianity: Interpretation & Practice
002	LEC	Zilbergerts, Marina (0005923121)	TTh 11am-12:15pm	Problem of Evil in Jewish & Christian Literature

RELIG ST 410 - Children and Religion in America

001	LEC	Ridgely, Susan (0004415921)	MW 2:30pm-3:45pm
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RELIG ST 421 - A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism

001	LEC	Khedup, Jampa (0004123965)	MW 2:30pm-3:45pm
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RELIG ST 430 - Indian Traditions in the Modern Age

001	SEM	Buhemann, Gudrun (0002601220)	TTh 11am-12:15pm
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RELIG ST 460 - The History of Yoga

001	SEM	Buhemann, Gudrun (0002601220)	TTh 1pm-2:15pm
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RELIG ST 600 - Religion in Critical Perspective

001	SEM	Rosenblum, Jordan (0004461491)	M 4pm-6:30pm
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RELIG ST 601 - Senior Capstone Research and Colloquium

001	SEM	Ridgely, Susan (0004415921)	W 4pm-6:30pm
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Students who may want RS credit for JCS 356 Jerusalem: City of Conflict and Desire (MWF 9:55-10:45), may request a DARS exception by contacting Dr. Norman.

*Many faculty waive sophomore standing requirement. Most courses have honors option.
Consult instructor content in the course schedule.*