

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES (RS)

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*Read more about the courses within this subject prefix in the descriptions provided below.*

## **RS 483 - History of World Religions**

**Credits:** 4

Introduces the religions of the world in terms of historical development, relationship to society, belief system, central texts, and ritual practices. Begins with the religions of small and tribal societies (e.g., African, Native American), moves through religions of complex societies (e.g., Hinduism), and then studies the various traditions that emanated from ancient revelations: Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and certain new forms of Christianity.

**Attributes:** Historical Perspectives(Disc)

**Equivalent(s):** HIST 483

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

## **RS 505 - Introduction to Religion**

**Credits:** 4

This course provides an introduction to religion, exploring the various ways that this phenomenon has been understood, approached, practiced, and studied across human history. The course will examine the different ways that religion can be defined, drawing from a variety of humanities and other disciplines. Foundational theories explaining the origins, persistence, and continued relevance of religion will be compared and applied to different traditions. Topics include concepts of divinity, rituals, myth, mysticism and spirituality, pilgrimage, death and the afterlife, and ultimate reality.

**Attributes:** Humanities(Disc)

**Equivalent(s):** HUMA 505

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading