



RELIGIOUS
STUDIES
PROGRAM

Summer 2024 Course Descriptions

RELG 1110.001 – Introduction to World Religions

Offered: First Half Online

Instructor: Michael Candelaria, mcandel@unm.edu

Description Forthcoming.

RELG 1110.004 - Introduction to World Religions

Offered: Second Half Online

Instructor: Kelly Van Andel, kvanande@unm.edu

This is an intense, 4-week summer class, so please be prepared to spend 5-7 hours a day on course material and assignments. The course serves as an introduction to some of the world's major religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. By the end of the course, students will be able to describe the basic history, teachings, and practices of each religion covered. There are weekly check-in and content quizzes, class discussions, and a final portfolio.

RELG 2110.002 – Eastern Religions

Offered: Full Term Online

Instructor: Lisa Gerber lgerber@unm.edu

This course surveys the Eastern religious traditions of Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Daoism, Confucianism, and Shinto. We will be studying the main philosophical ideas of these religious traditions and pulling out the wisdom in these traditions. To do this, we will look at explanations of the religious traditions and primary texts, art, and culture. Pulling out the wisdom in each tradition allows us to understand and appreciate other religious traditions. Through this course, you will be able to develop a solid understanding of Eastern religious traditions.

RELG 2110.003 – Eastern Religions**Offered: Full Term Online****Instructor:** Lisa Gerber lgerber@unm.edu

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RELG 303.001 – Black Liberation and Religion**Offered: Full Term Online****Instructor:** Charles Becknell, cbeck@unm.edu

This course is a timely exploration of the origins of Black religion as a movement against the oppressive forces of white supremacy and racism in America. It examines Black Liberation Theology and Womanist Theology as tools for investigating, explaining, and critiquing people's religious thought and practice, aiming to define a religion that is distinct from the white setting of Christianity in America. By understanding this religious movement, students can gain insights into the ongoing struggle for social justice and equality.