

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (RLST)

RLST A100 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Introduction to Religious Studies

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

An introduction to the study of religion as an academic discipline with particular emphasis on the nature of religion, the methods used to study religious life, ways of expressing religious experience, and the practice of religion. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A110 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

World Religion

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

An identification of the nature of religious thinking and belief. The variety of patterns developed in both the West and the East are explored with a special emphasis on the relevance to the contemporary intellectual world. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A115 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Philosophy of Religion

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

An examination of key issues and problems of religion, including the nature and significance of religion and religious experience, arguments for and against the existence of God, the nature of God, the problem of evil, and the relation between science and religion. Same as Philosophy A115. Students completing Religious Studies A115 may not receive credit for Philosophy A115. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A125 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Introduction to the Bible

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

This course covers the field of general Biblical introduction, including higher criticism, canonicity, methods of textual transmission, and history of the Bible in English. A survey of how the Bible was written, compiled, copied, and transmitted to the present. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A128 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

History of Christianity

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

A history of Christianity focusing on its central periods, personalities and ideas from its origins to the present. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A130 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Life and Times of Jesus

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

A study of the historical situation of the world of Jesus's day and an investigation of the main outlines of his life and teachings. The contributions made by Judaism and the Greek and Roman worlds to the shaping of the Christian religion. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A135 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Religion, Spirituality and Society

Grading Mode: Standard Letter

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

Examines religious, spiritual, and secular views of the relation of persons and society with emphasis on contemporary issues of personal and social ethics, societal structure, and political responsibility from diverse academic, religious, and spiritual perspectives.

RLST A140 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

History of Judaism

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

This course surveys the history of Judaism from the earliest possible time to the present time. It describes the time prior to Abraham and discusses the development of the literature, rituals, and ceremonies through the centuries to the present time. It shows the impact of Jewish practices and thought on the changing world. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A145 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Mysticism and Meditation

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

An identification of the nature of mysticism. An examination of the varieties of mysticism in the world with special emphasis on their development and practices. Meditation techniques related to mysticism will be examined and explained. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A150 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Eastern Thought

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

An introduction to the religions of Asia including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism. In addition to historical background and the current status of the religion, the course will focus on the scripture of each religion. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A151 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Early and Western Religions

Grading Mode: Standard Letter

Surveys religion in western history from paleolithic beginnings through development of the western monotheisms: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Major figures and historical periods in the evolution of Western faiths, and impact of these worldviews globally today. Transfer Status: CSU; UC.

RLST A160 **3 Units (54 lecture hours)**

Contemporary Religious Topics: Islam

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

Islam, the youngest of the world's major religions, has evolved to play a significant role in world politics. The course will introduce students to the beliefs and practices of Islam, its history and development, its contribution to the arts and sciences, and its significant role in the 21st century. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.

RLST A180 **3 Units (54 lecture hours)**

The Bible as Literature

Advisory: ENGL A100.

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

Read, analyze, and write on important Biblical works from both the Old and New Testament canon. Explore the historical, cultural, philosophical, and aesthetic implications of representative works, their origins and adoption. Formulate and produce written analysis of assigned works. Same as ENGL A141. Students completing RLST A180 may not receive credit for ENGL A141. May be taken for grades or on a pass-no pass basis.