RELIGION (RELG)

RELG F110  Isaac v Ishmael: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
This course investigates the strife in its interlocking historical, political, 
religious, ethnic and archaeological dimensions. Competing claims to the 
land are scrutinized through the prisms of Judaism and Islam, the history, 
and other ideological movements.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RELG F111  Rebellious Women of the Bible  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
A literary and sociological exploration into negative portrayals of the 
feminine within the Old and New Testament texts, including their original 
Ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean cultural contexts as well as key 
interpretive traditions throughout history.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RELG F112  Dealing with Demons and Death: Magic in Ancient 
Cultures  
1 Credit  
Offered as Demand Warrants  
An exploration into ancient traditions of magic as evidence by 
Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Biblical and Graeco-Roman texts and artifacts, 
focusing upon their rationales, methods, efficacy and legitimacy with 
respect to variously preventing, mitigating or invoking harmful and 
destructive forces.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RELG F113  The Biblical Environment: Human Ecology in Ancient 
Israel  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
An integrative survey of Ancient Israel’s geographic and ecological 
features with respect to how they influence and were impacted by human 
efforts and energies. This course will examine textual sources as well as 
archaeological materials on behalf of reconstructing and comprehending 
such cultural ecosystems.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RELG F114  The Bible in the Quran  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
An inquiry into the manners and motivations by which Islam appropriated 
and reconfigured biblical traditions in order to meet its own theological, 
political, economic, and social needs/interests. What did Muhammad 
and the earliest Muslims know about the Ahl al-Kitab (*People of the 
Book*)? From where and whom did they acquire their knowledge? This 
course also considers the ramifications (historical and contemporary) of 
scriptural traditions between Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RELG F115  End of Days: Apocalypse Across the Ages  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
A study into the origins and interpretive history of Abrahamic 
religious traditions dealing with the end-time. What were the ancient 
sociocultural circumstances out of which Jewish, Christian, and Muslim 
apocalypticism developed? In what manners do nonscriptural end-time 
narratives and images compare/contrast with those found in the Bible 
and the Quran? How and why have Biblical and Quranic apocalyptic 
traditions been (mis)appropriated during later eras, including our own?  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

RELG F205  Introduction to the Bible  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
A study of the Bible as literature of ancient Israel and the early Christian 
church.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RELG F221X  Religions of the World  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
A survey of the development of major religions of the Eastern and 
Western world including contemporary world religions.  
Attributes: UAF GER Humanities Req  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

RELG F231  Prophecy, Shamanism and Scripture  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
An introductory exploration into the phenomena of prophecy and 
ishamanism as they are conceived and manifested within the textual and 
cultural traditions of Judaism and Christianity. Comparative evidence is 
considered from ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean sources, and 
modern insights from cultural anthropology and cognitive psychology 
are brought to bear upon the Biblical materials, in efforts to situate their 
prophetic and/or shamanistic features within social scientific models of 
culture and mind.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0