

# RELIGION

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## REL 6038 Religion and Fieldwork 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Combining classroom based learning with supervised field research, this class will introduce students to the theoretical and practical issues of religion and fieldwork and will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of fieldwork. We will read both classic and newer works that showcase issues and questions in religion and fieldwork.

## REL 6347 American Buddhism 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Exploration of relationship between Buddhism and American culture.

## RLG 5143 Religion and Social Change 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Religion’s role in social movements and other forms of cultural, economic, and political transformation.

## RLG 5195 Topics in Religion and Society 3 Credits, Max 6 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the interaction between religious bodies and the structures of the societies in which they function, with particular attention to the United States.

## RLG 5199 Religion and Nature in North America 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigation of ways that concepts of religion and nature have evolved and influenced one another during cultural, political and environmental history of North America since European contact.

## RLG 5297 Topics in Biblical Studies 3 Credits, Max 9 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines methods of interpreting particular texts or themes chosen from Hebrew scriptures or the Christian New Testament.

## RLG 5338 Topics in Asian Religions 3 Credits, Max 9 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines religious traditions that are indigenous to India, China, or Japan.

## RLG 5361 Global Islam 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Promotes a deeper understanding of the diversity of Muslim cultures and societies in the contemporary global context through an interdisciplinary approach that is both topical and geographical, drawing from perspectives from the social sciences and the humanities

**Prerequisite:** Currently enrolled UF graduate students may enroll in the course. Non-degree seeking students may enroll pending upon the approval of the Department of Religion.

## RLG 5365 Studies in Islam 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Historical study of development of selected doctrines, institutions, and practices, using primary and interpretive material.

## RLG 5396 Religion and Animals 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the place of animals in the cosmologies and ethical systems of the world’s diverse religions.

## RLG 5495 Topics in Religious Thought 3 Credits, Max 9 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigation of particular themes in a religious tradition or the comparative approach to intellectual dimensions of religious communities.

## RLG 5695 Ethics after the Holocaust 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces graduate students to major philosophical and theological debates in the aftermath of the Holocaust: modernity, evil, theodicy, resentment and forgiveness, and visual representations. Engagement with major philosophical works, film, and new media.

## RLG 5696 Topics in Jewish Thought 3 Credits, Max 9 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Themes, issues, and personalities in the Jewish tradition, from the biblical period through modern times.

## RLG 5906 Individual Work 1-5 Credits, Max 12 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Study of chosen materials under the individual direction of a member of the Graduate Faculty. Plan of study and method of evaluation must be pre-approved by the supervisory committee.

## RLG 5937 Topics in Religious Studies 3 Credits, Max 9 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Issues and methods in the study of religion. Generally more than one religious tradition is studied.

## RLG 6035 Method and Theory I 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines classical formulations of approaches to studying religion and to developing religious studies as an academic discipline.

**Prerequisite:** graduate standing. Required of all religion graduate students.

## RLG 6036 Method and Theory II 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Study of religion in light of recent challenges in the humanities and social sciences. Special attention to the concept of religion and its origins in Christian culture of Western Europe; and to the engagement of religion in colonial culture.

**Prerequisite:** RLG 6035 and graduate standing. Required of all religion graduate students.

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**Prerequisite:** Graduate status.

## RLG 6095 Utopias and Dystopias 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Ideal societies and their roles in religious movements, ideologies, and communities.

## RLG 6107 Core Seminar in Religion and Nature 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Religious dimensions of relationships between what humans call “nature” and “culture.”

## RLG 6126 Religion in the Americas 3 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Origins and interactions of religions in the Americas.

## RLG 6137 Religion in North America 3 Credits, Max 6 Credits

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines religious bodies in the United States, from historical, sociological, and theological perspectives.

**RLG 6167 Radical Environmentalism 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Critically examines the emergence and social impact of radical environmental groups.

**RLG 6183 Religion and Environmental Ethics 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explorations in classic and contemporary theories and applications of environmental ethics, with special attention to religion.

**RLG 6185 Religion, Nature, and Society 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores relationships between religion, nature and society both in the context of religious traditions and as a means to understand how these relationships reflect and shape social relations among people. Covers approaches to studying the relationships between different societies and nonhuman nature.

**Prerequisite:** Graduate status.

**RLG 6319 Interpreting Asian Religions 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Critical assessment of the world-religions model for interpreting Asian religions.

**RLG 6385 Native Religions in the Americas 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Indigenous religious communities and traditions in North, Central, and South America.

**RLG 6387 Religions in Latin America 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Important historical developments and contemporary expressions of religions in Latin America.

**RLG 6709 Islam in Africa 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The course examines processes of Islamization and the emergence of local Muslim cultures. It exposes students to the diversity of Islam in Africa. You will become familiar with contemporary African Islam, and understand how it interacts with broader political dynamics. You will acquire skills to assess issues with broad relevance.

**RLG 6910 Supervised Research 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Supervised Research

**RLG 6936 Seminar Relig Studies 3 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Seminar Relig Studies

**RLG 6940 Supervised Teaching 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Supervised Teaching

**RLG 6957 Overseas Studies in Religion 1-3 Credits, Max 9 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Overseas Studies in Religion

**RLG 6971 Research for Master's Thesis 1-15 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Required of all candidates for the M.A. degree.

**RLG 7979 Advanced Research 1-15 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Research for doctoral students before admission to candidacy. Designed for students with a master's degree in the field of study or for students who have been admitted to a doctoral program. Not appropriate for students who have been admitted to candidacy.

**Prerequisite:** consent of graduate coordinator.

**RLG 7980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation 1-15 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** S/U

Research for Doctoral Dissertation

**SRK 6905 Individual Study in Sanskrit 1-4 Credits, Max 9 Credits**

**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Graduate reading in Sanskrit language and literature.

**Prerequisite:** consent of instructor.