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| **Core Courses** (13 Credit Hours) |
| 2099 The Question of Comparative Studies | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| 2370 Introduction to Comparative Religion | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| 3972 (currently 4972) Theory and Method in the Study of Religion | int | int | int | int |
| 3990 Approaches to Comparative Studies | int | int | int | int |
| 4990 or 4970 Senior Seminar in Comparative Studies or Religious Studies Capstone | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| **Individual Religious Traditions** **courses** (9-15 Credit hours) |
| ARABIC 5701 The Qur'an in Translation | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| CLAS 3401 Ancient Greek Religion | int | int | int | int |
| CLAS 3405 Christians in the Greco-Roman World | int | int | int | int |
| CS 4822 Native American Identity | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| HIST 2220 Introduction to the History of Christianity | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| HIST 2221 Introduction to the New Testament | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| HIST 2351 Early Islamic Society, 610-1258 | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| HIST 2376 Islamic Central Asia | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| HIST 3227 Gnostics and Other Early Christian Heresies | int | int | int | int |
| HIST 3229 History of Early Christianity | int | int | int | int |
| HIST 3245 The Age of Reformation | int | int | int | int |
| HIST 3218 Paul and his Influence in Early Christianity | int | int | int | int |
| HIST 3219 Historical Jesus | int | int | int | int |
| JS 2201 Introduction to Jewish Culture, Thought and Practice | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| NELC 3501 Introduction to Islam | int | int | int | int |
| NELC 3230 Introduction to Shi's Beliefs and History | int | int | int | int |
| NELC 3502 Islamic Civilization through the Ages | int | int | int | int |
| NELC 3508 Sufism | int | int | int | int |
| NELC 5578 Islamic Law and Society | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| NELC XXXX The Anthropology of Islam [Course is in development and should be approved before start of 16-17 Academic year] | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| PHIL 2120 Asian Philosophy | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| RS 2210 The Jewish Mystical Tradition | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| RS 3671 Religions of India | int | int | int | int |
| RS 3673 The Buddhist Tradition | int | int | int | int |
| RS 3677 Asian Religions in America | int | int | int | int |
| RS 3675 Religions of Mesoamerica | int | int | int | int |
| RS 4872 Varieties of Christianity | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| RS 4874 New Age and New Religious Movements | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| **Comparative/ Interdisciplinary courses: 9-15 credit hours** |
| CLAS 3403 Magic in the Ancient World | int | int | int | int |
| CS/ IS 4873 Contemporary Religious Movements in a Global Perspective | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| HEB 5806 Studies in Biblical Law | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| HIST 3214 Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the History of Christianity | int | int | int | int |
| PHIL 2120 Asian Philosophy | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| RS 2102.01 Literature and Religion | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| RS 2102.02 Comparative Sacred Texts | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| RS 2670 Science and Religion | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| RS 2677 Religion and Environmentalism | beg | beg | beg | beg |
| RS 3671 Religions of India | int | int | int | int |
| RS 3677 Asian Religions in America | int | int | int | int |
| RS 3678 Religion and American Culture | int | int | int | int |
| RS /HIST 3680 Religion and Law in Comparative Perspective | int | int | int | int |
| RS 4871 Religion and American Politics | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| RS 4874 New Age and New Religious Movements | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| RS 4875 Gender, Sexuality and Religion | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| RS 3877 (currently 4877) Myth and Ritual | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| RS 4878 Rites, Ritual and Ceremony | adv | adv | adv | adv |
| RS 5871 The Japanese Religious Tradition | adv | adv | adv | adv |