

# RELG 315. SPECIAL TOPICS IN RELIGION 1.

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Credits: 3

Offered by: Religious Studies (Faculty of Arts)

This course is not offered this catalogue year.

## Description

Topics of current interest in or between world religions.

- Section 005 (02-JUL-2003/31-JUL-2003) Social Scientific Survey of Religion in Canada. The use of social scientific methods to explore the development of religious pluralism in Canada. Through a series of case studies that include writings from religious scholars, religious leaders, internet sources, films, field trips and presentations by practitioners. The course will serve to broaden the knowledge of religious practice in Canada.
- Section 006 (02-JUL-2003/31-JUL-2003) Buddhist Ethics and the Environment. The examination of the logic of Buddhist ethics within Theravada and Mahayana traditions. Key environmental issues and the means of establishing philosophical and political ethos for grass-roots environmental organizations will also be explored.
- Section 003 (31-May-2004/28-June-2004) NARRATIVE ART IN GENESIS. Many of the narratives in Genesis can be described as "artful." In this course, we will apply concepts derived from other art forms, especially cinematography, painting, and literature, to the narratives in Genesis in an attempt to describe them also as art. We will discuss Gen. 1-15 (selections), 24, 37, 39-45 (selections), and 50:15-21 under the following titles: Creation and Covenant, Paradise Lost, East of Eden, A Tale of Two Cities, The Wedding Planner, and Conspiracy Theory.
- Section 004 - (29-June-2004/29-July-2004) THE GIFT OF LOVE: A CONVERSION OF SUBJECTIVITY. This course will examine what could be said to constitute a "conversion to religious love" from a strictly phenomenological perspective. Focusing on the work of contemporary philosopher Jean-Luc Marion, consideration will be given to the nature of the conversion as a gift the revelation of which to the subject reconstitutes the subject in an entirely new "posture of subjectivity," or, religiously speaking, "new life."
- 200409-Topic for Section 002: Civic Religion and Public Spirituality. Situated at the interstice of religion, culture and politics, through lectures, viewings, readings, listenings, field trips and dialogic sessions, this course explores the religious, political, artistic nexus of culture.
- Restriction: Not open to students who have taken RELG 496
- Winter and Summer
- Prerequisites: RELG 204 or RELG 252 or RELG 253
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