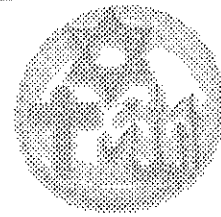


**SCTR 19: RELIGIONS OF THE BOOK:
JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND
ISLAM**



Fall 2015- MWF 11:45- 12:50pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course offers a critical introduction to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In view of the proliferation of revival movements, the rise of fundamentalism and religious violence, and the overall influence of religion on popular culture, this course seeks to prepare students to develop a more capacious and constructive understanding of the roles that religion plays in contemporary societies throughout the world. In order to do so, the course includes: (1) a comparative exploration of the history, sacred texts (e.g. the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Qur'an), institutions, devotional practices (e.g. prayer, fasting, and pilgrimage), and politics of the aforementioned religious traditions; (2) a basic introduction to interpretative approaches from the academic study of religion and their proponents, such as Rudolf Otto, Emile Durkheim, Mircea Eliade, Max Weber and W.C. Smith; (3) visits to local mosques, churches, and synagogues to learn and to observe the various ways in which these communities express their faiths; and (4) a robust exploration of fundamentalism, notions of holy war, and Apocalypticism. We conclude the course by reflecting on the role of religion in our own lives, the importance of interreligious dialogue, and ways to build a more just, peaceful, and welcoming global community.

CORE CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES:

Students taking this course will:

- 1.1 Describe and compare the central religious ideas and practices from several traditions or within one, and from at least two globally distinct regions. (Students will fulfill this core objective through group presentations, worship site visits, as well as through midterm and final examinations).
- 1.2 Use critical approaches to reflect on their own beliefs and the religious dimensions of human existence. (Students will fulfill this core objective through class discussions, reading responses, and both the midterm and final exams).

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Introduce the central texts, religious ideas and practices of Judaism, Christianity and Islam with a special focus on their sacred writings (Hebrew Bible, New Testament and Qur'an).

2. Explore these religions in their local, national, and global contexts, as well as their socio-political and cultural influence on contemporary societies, as expressed in art, literature, music, poetry and film.
3. Provide various tools/frameworks/approaches from the theories and methods in the study of religion to help students interpret the various dimensions of religious experience, and practice.
4. Offer students an opportunity to reflect on their own religious beliefs, traditions, and experiences, as well as the ways it shapes how they see the world, and how they relate to people from different religious backgrounds.
5. Equip students to engage in the global interreligious dialogue, constructively engage issues affecting Christians, Muslims, and Jews, and build bridges of collaboration to create more welcoming, just, and peaceful societies.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Kendra G. Hotz et. al, *What Do Our Neighbors Believe? Questions and Answers about Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2006.

Brown, Brian A. *Three Testaments: Torah, Gospel, and Quran*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2012.

John Hinnells (ed), *The Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion*. Routledge Religion Companions. 2, revised, annotated ed. Routledge, 2009.

Additional reading material will be posted on Camino Course Site. There you should also other course related materials including: reading response questions, field education experience response, drop boxes, online discussion, exam study guides, and other guideline handouts.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESMENT METHODS:

- **Class attendance, Preparation, and Critical Engagement (20%).** Students will achieve 20% of their course grade through: (1) on-time attendance; (2) preparation (i.e. completion of readings assignments, reflection papers, and/or discussion questions); and (3) thoughtful participation in course activities (e.g. small and large group discussions, and online discussions, and site visits. [Fulfills core curriculum objective 1.1. Students will describe and compare the central texts, practices, and religious ideas of Judaism, Christianity and Islam].
- **Quizzes (15%):** Students will have the opportunity to prove their familiarity with course content through quizzes given the completion of a course section or part. In terms of format, the quiz will include short answer questions and key terms. Usually, students will be asked to answer 1 of 5 prompt questions, and 5 out of 10 key terms. [Fulfills core curriculum 1.1. and 1.2. in so far as students will be asked to articulate their understanding of multiple practices, events, characters or themes within Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, and use resources from the theory and methods in the study of religion].

- **Reading Responses (10%).** Students are required to post weekly readings responses (1 page each) on Camino throughout the quarter. Each response must address an issue/theme/question that emerges in each of the five sections of the course and that is common to all three religious traditions. Students must post all reading response papers on Camino every Friday by 9:00pm. [Fulfills core curriculum objective 1.2. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their own beliefs, religious experiences, or faith journeys through reading responses, as well as through class and online discussions.]
- **Mid-term Examination (20%).** Comparative essay that explores a theme, issue, or practice of interest involving all three religious traditions (5 pages). The essay must engage at least one major thinker from the study of religion. [Fulfills core curriculum objective 1.1. and 1.2. The midterm exam challenges students to identify, describe and interpret scriptural texts, issues, or practices of Judaism, Christianity and Islam using the tools provided in the course. Students must also articulate the ways in which their own social location impinges on their interpretative process.]
- **Group Presentation (15%).** In class multi-media group presentation on a contemporary issue, problem or aspect of one or all three of the Abrahamic religions in our contemporary world. [Fulfills core curriculum objective 1.1. and 1.2. Students will visit local mosques, churches, and synagogues to describe and compare the religious practices of these communities. This collaborative effort entails both description and comparison of the three distinct religious traditions, as well as serious engagement with the theory and methods from the study of religion.]
- **Final Examination (20 %).** This examination constitutes a 10-page paper requiring description and comparison of select scriptural texts from Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The paper must employ analytical frameworks from the study of religion and engage contemporary issues, problems or common to all three traditions. Students must also reflect upon the ways in which their socio-religious location shaped their approach to the paper. Alternatively, students may choose an oral examination that includes selection of a weekly topic and discussion of 1 out of 3 key terms. [Fulfills core curriculum objective 1.1. and 1.2. The essay format requires description and comparison of select scriptural texts from Judaism, Christianity and Islam around contemporary issues, problems or developments common to all three. Students also employ critical tools to reflect on their own faith journeys and to articulate constructive solutions to the issues they identify.]

GRADING SCALE:

94%-100%	A	80%-82%	B-	67%-69%	D+
90%-93%	A-	77%-79%	C+	63%-66%	D
87%-89%	B+	73%-76%	C	60%-62%	D-
83%-86%	B	70%-72%	C-	59% & below	F

The instruction will provide written feedback on reading responses, examinations and religion in practice assignments. Group project feedback will be communicated via email.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Attendance Policy

Students should not be absent more than 3 times and must justify each absence (e.g. a doctor's note or extracurricular activities). Furthermore, students may not leave the class after attendance has been taken, otherwise they will be marked as absent. Failure to regularly attend class will negatively affect overall grade and may result in a suggestion to withdraw from the course. Special accommodations will of course be made for those who have already completed the request process.

Disability Accommodation Policy

To request academic accommodations for a disability, students must contact Disability Resources located in The Drahmman Center in Kenna 101, (408) 554-4318; TTY (408) 554-5445. Students must provide documentation of a disability to Disability Resources prior to receiving accommodations.

Academic Integrity Policy

The University is committed to academic excellence and integrity. Students are expected to do their own work and to cite any sources they use. A student who is guilty of a dishonest act in an examination, paper, or other work required for a course, or who assists others in such an act, may, at the discretion of the instructor, receive a grade of F for the course. In addition, a student found guilty of a dishonest act may be subject to sanctions up to and including dismissal from the University as a result of the student judicial process as described in the Community Handbook. A student who violates copyright laws, including those covering the copying of software programs, or who knowingly alters official academic records from this or any other institution is subject to similar disciplinary action. For more information on the university's policy on academic integrity see the following: <http://www.scu.edu/provost/policies/upload/Academic%20Integrity%20Protocol.pdf>

PEDAGOGY:

In order to create a collaborative, democratic, and empowering learning environment, this course will implement a form of Border Pedagogy. Such a pedagogical approach acknowledges the shifting borders of power and knowledge, and links the educational enterprise with the struggle for a more just and democratic society. The instructor's version of this approach entails five interrelated stages: Critical Awakening, Journeying, Crossing, Negotiating, and Transforming. Such an approach will translate into the following practical dimensions of our learning practices/experiences: (1) students and the instructor will reflect on their own socio-religious location and the ways it shapes their understanding of the three monotheistic religions; (2) students will collaborate with one another and engage in critical and constructive dialogue for class projects and discussions; (3) students will identify and address key issues/themes/ ritual practices in the three religious traditions; (4) students will learn traditional and non-traditional paradigms for understanding religion, as well as methods of

interpretation; (5) students will be prepared to articulate the implications of course content and methodologies for the struggle towards a more egalitarian society.

Week & Date	LECTURE TOPICS and READING ASSIGNMENTS
Week 1: Jan 4, 7	PART I. FOUNDATIONS: Origins, Diversity, and Scope
<p>Key Questions: What are the historical origins of JCI? Who are the key figures and texts? How does each articulate similarities and differences with other Abrahamic traditions?</p> <p>While reading primary sources is mandatory for all class sessions, you may <u>CHOOSE ONE</u> of the secondary sources <u>for each class session</u>.</p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <p>Tuesday: Course Introduction and Discussion of JCI Origins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Genesis 1-2; Gospel of John 1:1-10; ▪ Hotz, et al., <i>Origins and Composition</i>, i 1-12. <p>Thursday: Diversity & Scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12; Surah 7:11-25; ▪ Hotz, et al., <i>Origins and Composition</i>, i 13-17 ▪ Hinnells, <i>Why Study Religion?</i> R5-20 <p>Recommended Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fredrick, Denny. <i>An Introduction to Islam, Fourth Edition</i>. Upper Saddle Ridge, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2011. ▪ Cohen, <i>From The Maccabees to The Mishnah</i>, 142-158. ▪ Elias et al., <i>God</i>, t 53-72 ▪ Weaver, Mary Jo, and David Brakke. <i>Introduction to Christianity</i>. Australia; Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Cengage Learning, 2009. <p>Church Visit (TBD)</p>	
Week 2: Jan 12, 14	Prophets, Messiah's and Apostles
<p>Key Questions: Who are the sacred figures in JCI? What notions of sacred time and space prevail in JCI? How are notions of sacred experiences articulated?</p> <p>Select Presentation Partner and Topic</p> <p>Required Readings: Sacred Space and Figures</p> <p>Tuesday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Genesis 17:1-27 ▪ Hotz, et al., <i>Dates, People, and Places</i>, 18-23 	

- Mircea Eliade, *Sacred Space and Making Space Sacred*, 20-65

Thursday: Experiencing the Sacred

- Surah 3:144; 33-40
- * Hotz, et al., *3Dates, People, and Places*, p 23-30
- Merkur, *The Psychology of Religion*, a 186-202 (in Hinnells)

Synagogue Visit (TBD)

Recommended Readings:

- Frances, Peters E. *Muhammad and the Origins of Islam*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1994.
- Levenson, Jon D. *Inheriting Abraham: The Legacy of the Patriarch in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012.
- Strauss, Mark L. *The Davidic Messiah in Luke-Acts: The Promise and Its Fulfillment in Lukan Christology*. Sheffield, Eng.: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995.
- Neusner, Jacob, et al. *Judaism and Their Messiahs at the Turn of the Christian Era*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987.
- Brown, Raymond Edward. *The Churches the Apostles Left Behind*. New York: Paulist Press, 1984.

Week 3:
Jan 19, 21

*Authority & Community:
Synagogue, Ekklesia, and Umma*

Key Questions: What keeps JCI communities together? Why do they gather to worship God, read scripture and interact with one another? How may the sociology of Religion helps us understand internal group dynamics?

Required Readings:

Tuesday: Institutions

- Acts 2:47
- * Peters, *The Children of Abraham*, 41-66
- Riesebrodt, *Sociology of Religion*, 145-164
- Cohen, *From The Maccabees to The Mishnah*, 103-121
- Meeks, *The First Urban Christians*, 74-107

Thursday: Leaders

- Surah 3:104
- * Hotz, et al., *Leadership and Authority*, 51-62
- * Gifford, *Religious Authority*, 397-410 (in Hinnell's);
- Mandaville, *Reimagining the Umma*, 53-84.

Part I Quiz

Mosque Visit (TBD)

Recommended Readings:

- Wayne O. McCready, CEkklesia and Voluntary Associations, in Kloppenborg and Wilson, Voluntary Associations, pp. 59-73.
- Mandaville, Peter G. *Transnational Muslim Politics: Reimagining the Umma. Routledge Research in Transnationalism* Routledge, 2003.
- Runesson, Anders, et al. *The Ancient Synagogue from Its Origins to 200 C.E.: A Source Book*. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2008.

Week 4:
Jan 26-28

PART II: SCRIPTURE, BELIEF, AND INTERPRETATION:
Reading The Hebrew Bible, The Christian Bible, and The Qur'an

Key Questions: What are the sacred texts of the JCI? Why are certain texts authoritative and who decided that? And, how should followers interpret these texts?

Presentations Begin

Required Readings:

Tuesday: Sacred Texts

- Exodus 20:1-19; Galatians 1:6-10;
- Hotz, et al, ESacred Texts and Other Writings,a 35-40
- Garret Green, nHermeneutics,n 411-424 (in Hinnell's)

Thursday: Interpretation

- Surah 3:32
- Hotz, et al, ISacred Texts and Other Writings,a 40-45
- Gätje, *The Qur'ān and its Exegesis*, 1-35.

Recommended Readings:

- Gätje, *The Qur'ān and its Exegesis*, 1-35.
- Boyarin, D. *Border Lines: The Partition of Judaeo-Christianity*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004.
- Cohen, *From The Maccabees to The Mishnah*, 202-205
- Boyarin, Daniel. *Intertextuality and the Reading of Midrash*. Indiana University Press, 1994.

Week 5:
Feb 2, 4

God and the Human Condition

Key Questions: What does God look like? Why does He care about humanity or not? How are humans supposed to relate to the divine?

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Tuesday: Sin and Humanity

- Romans 3:23; Genesis 3:1-24
- Hotz, et al, eBeliefs,l 68-73

Thursday: The Nature of God

- Genesis 33:12-21; Surah 2:255; Gospel of John 1:14
- Hotz, et al., *Beliefs*, 73-83
- Jamal Elias, *God*,

Part II Quiz

Recommended Readings:

- Hans Campenhausen, and Freiherr von. *Ecclesiastical Authority and Spiritual Power in the Church of the First Three Centuries*. Stanford University Press, 1969.

Week 5:
Feb 9,11

PART III. RELIGIOUS DEVOTION, PRACTICE, AND SERVICE:
Worship, Prayer, and Pilgrimage

Key Questions: What is religious devotion and how is it expressed in JCI? Why do people worship, pray or engage in long pilgrimages? How do the various religious rituals function within JCI? Where do people worship and why does that matter?

Required Readings:

Tuesday: Worship, Ritual and Pilgrimage

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Surah 8:35; Philippians 2:6-11
- Hotz, et al., *Practices*, 84-89.
- Allen, *Phenomenology of Religion*, P 203-224 in (Hinnell's)
- Ghazali, *Principles of Islamic Spirituality*, 43-51; 59-63

Thursday: Holiday and Celebrations

- Hotz, et al., *Practices*, 84-89
- Peters, *The Children of Abraham*, 103-115
- Mircea Eliade, *Sacred Time and Myths*, 68-115

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Recommended Readings:

- Senn, Frank C. *Christian Liturgy: Catholic and Evangelical*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997.
- Chittick, William C. *Faith and Practice of Islam: Three Thirteenth-Century Sufi Texts (Surya Series in Islam)*. Albany, New York: State University Of New York Press, 1992.
- Shawkat Toorowa, *Prayer*, in Elias, Jamal J. *Key Themes for the Study of Islam*. Oxford: Oneworld, 2010.
- Foster, Richard J. *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988.

Week 6:
Feb 16, 18

Religious Experience:
Mysticism and Conversion

Key Questions: What is religious experience and its function in JCI? How do people articulate their encounters with the Divine? Why does believers in JCI seek or have such experiences? How may the phenomenology of religion help us understand such events/practices?

Required Readings:

Tuesday: Mysticism

- Ezekiel 1:1-28; Acts 9:1-19
- Soltes, *Mysticism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, 73-105
- King, *i Mysticism and Spirituality*, 323-338 (in Hinnells)

Thursday: Conversion

- Surah 53, 13-18; 55: 1-34; Acts 2:1-13
- Gelpi, Donald L. *The Conversion Experience*
- Peters, *The Children of Abraham*, 116-137

Recommended Readings:

- Schimmel, Annemarie. *The Mystical Dimensions of Islam* Jakarta Selatan: Mizan, 2013.
- Sells, Michael Anthony. *Early Islamic Mysticism: Sufi, Quran, Miraj, Poetic and Theological Writings*. New York: Paulist Press, 1996.
- Gelpi, Donald L. *The Conversion Experience: A Reflective Process for RCIA Participants and Others*. New York: Paulist Press, 1998.

**Week 7:
Feb 23, 25**

Social Issues: Poverty, Sexuality, and Science

Key Questions: What are the teachings on social justice in JCI? How does each religious tradition articulate their mission to serve others? Why is it important to turn their beliefs into actions? What are the tensions between religion and politics?

Required Reading:

Tuesday: Poverty, Justice, and The eOtherl

- Deuteronomy 34:6; Matthew 25:31-46; Surah 26: 181-183;
- Hotz, et al., *Social Issues*, 118-123
- George Moyser, *CReligion and Politics*, R445 (in Hinnell's)
- Pleins, *The Social Vision of the Hebrew Bible*, 156-179.
- De Leon, *The Political Spirituality of Cesar Chavez*, 33-75
- Van Gorder, *Islamic Response to Poverty*, z 60-76.

Thursday: Religion, Science, and Sexuality

- Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9, Surah 29:28-29,
- Hotz, et al., *Social Issues*, 128-133.
- Kathleen M. Sands, *8Homosexuality, Religion, and The Law* 1-15

Part III Quiz

Recommend Reading:

- Espinosa, Gastón, Virgilio P Elizondo, and Jesse Miranda. *Latino Religions and Civic Activism in the United States*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

- Haddad, Yvonne et al. *Religion and Immigration: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Experiences in the United States*. Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2003.

Week 8:
March 1, 3

Part IV: THE RISE OF FUNDAMENTALISM:
Holy War, Modern Terror, and Fundamentalism

Key Questions: What is religious fundamentalism? Why is religious violence associated with such movements? How is religious fundamentalism and terrorism expressed in JCI?

Required Readings:

Tuesday: Fundamentalism and Terrorism

- Deuteronomy 21:1-20; Surah 5:33; 8:15-17; Revelation 19:1-21
- Hotz, et al., Current Concerns and Future Prospects, o 134-145
- New, *Holy War: The Rise of Militant Christian, Jewish, and Islamic Fundamentalism*, 16-23.
- Munson, *Fundamentalism*, i 354-371 (in Hinnell's)

Thursday: Religious Violence

- Garrard-Burnett, *Terror in the Land of the Holy Spirit*, 53-85, or 113-145.
- Fine, *From Holy War to Modern Terror*, 123-213.
- Weisburd, *Jewish Settler Violence*, 50-64

Part IV Quiz

Recommended Readings:

- Brouwer, Steve, Paul Gifford, and Susan D Rose. *Exporting the American Gospel: Global Christian Fundamentalism* New York: Routledge, 1996.
- Inbari, Motti. *Jewish Fundamentalism and the Temple Mount Who Will Build the Third Temple?* Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2009
- Abu ' Amr, Ziyād. *Islamic Fundamentalism in the West Bank and Gaza: Muslim Brotherhood and Islamic Jihad*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994.
- Antoun, Richard T, and Mary Elaine Hegland. *Religious Resurgence: Contemporary Cases in Islam, Christianity, and Judaism*. Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 1987.
- Arjomand, Said Amir. *The Turban for the Crown: The Islamic Revolution in Iran*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988.
- Menchú, Rigoberta, and Elisabeth Burgos-Debray. *I, Rigoberta Menchú an Indian Woman in Guatemala*. London; New York: Verso, 2009.

Week 9:
March 8, 10

PART V: BUILDING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY:
Interreligious Dialogue, Peace, and Collaboration

Key Questions: What is interreligious dialogue? How can JCI work together towards building a more peaceful society? Why do these traditions struggle to engage in dialogue?

Required Readings:

Tuesday:

- Jeremiah 29; Matthew 5:7, 9, 21, 22; Surah 2:91, 109, 135, 145
- Hotz, et al., *Relationships*, 111-117
- Barnes, *Religious Pluralism*, 407-423

Thursday:

- Gilman, : *Collaboration and Conflict*, 35-55.
- Liepert, *Finding a Path to Peace Our Faiths Can Share*. 157-175
- Hedges, *Controversies in Interreligious Dialogue*, 58-109

Part V Quiz

Recommended Readings:

- Swidler, Leonard J, Khalid Duran, and Reuven Firestone. *Triologue: Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Dialogue*. New London, Conn.: Twenty-Third Publications, 2007.
- Cornille, C. *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Inter-Religious Dialogue*. 2013.
- Reedijk, Rachel. *Roots and Routes: Identity Construction and the Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue*. Amsterdam; New York: Rodopi, 2010.

**Week 10:
March 14-18**

FINAL EXAM WEEK

Final Exam Paper or Oral Examination

Thanks for all your hard work!

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