REL 104 INTRODUCTION TO RELIGIOUS STUDIES
3, 0/0; HU14
Introduction to the rational study of religion, including religious practices and philosophies and concepts basic to religious experience. Offered occasionally.

REL 105 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN THOUGHT
3, 3/0; WC14
A study of Christian thought from its origins to the present, and its influence on the literature, art, architecture, music, government, education, and lifestyle of Western civilization. Offered occasionally.

REL 107 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM
3, 3/0
An introduction to the fundamental concepts and approaches within Islam including the history of Islam, essentials of Islamic faith, the impact of Islamic civilization on the world's social and cultural development, the Islamic art, and the contemporary interpretations of the Islamic tradition. Offered at least every other year.

REL 121 INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH THOUGHT
3, 3/0; WC14
Examination of basic Judaism, major trends in Jewish thought, the Bible, and its influence on Western Civilization; Jewish ideas of God, time, Messiah, and history and their influence on Western Civilization. Offered occasionally.

REL 189 TOPIC COURSE
1-3, 0/0
See the Undergraduate Course Catalog (http://catalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/docs/currentugcat.pdf).

REL 205 INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT
3, 3/0; HU14
The Old Testament, the backgrounds and cultures from which it grew, and the philosophies and literature it contains. Offered occasionally.

REL 206 INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT
3, 3/0; HU14
Introduction to the New Testament, with emphasis on its literary content, the society from which it emerged, the structures and varieties of its literary contemporaries, and the tools necessary for understanding it. Offered occasionally.

REL 303 WOMEN IN GLOBAL RELIGIONS
3, 3/0; NW14
A study of women in world religions, with special attention to the effects of patriarchal religious institutions and religious myths that influence their lives. Feminist contributions to global religious thought and practice, and their effects upon the developing world. Offered occasionally.

REL 306 WRITINGS OF JOHN
3, 3/0
Historical and literary background of St. John's Gospel, the letters of John, and the Book of Revelation; the content of the gospel, its major theological themes, and its distinctive contributions to Christian thought. Offered occasionally. Equivalent Course: REL 306W

REL 321 WORLD RELIGIONS
3, 3/0; NW14
A study of various world religions, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, along with Native American, traditional African, and other oral religions. Offered fall only. Equivalent Course: REL 321W

REL 329 CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN THOUGHT
3, 3/0
Prerequisite: Upper-division status or one course in religion. Worship, ministry, and theology of various Christian traditions and the context in which they developed, from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries; contemporary challenges to Christianity. Offered occasionally.

REL 332 MYSTICISM
3, 3/0
Prerequisite: Upper-division status or one course in religion. Introduction to some of the major mystical disciplines of the world, such as Zen, Christian, Jewish, Sufi, European, Far Eastern, African, and Native American mysticism; their underlying philosophies. Offered occasionally.

REL 488 INTERNSHIP
1-12, 0/0
Prerequisites: Upper-division status; minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, with at least one-third of philosophy major or religious studies minor coursework completed. Supervised field experience (experiential learning) consisting of supervised on-site activities and an academic component consisting of training sessions, seminars, and reports. Offered occasionally.

REL 499 INDEPENDENT STUDY
3-12, 0/0
Prerequisites: Sophomore, junior, or senior status and minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (overall, previous semester, and in major courses). Studies arranged and meeting hours undertaken individually with instructor. Offered occasionally.