

RELG 3325, CRN 24435: Buddhism

2:40-3:55 TTh

Dr. Nick Brasovan

Irby 311

[UD UCA Core: D, R]

[Asian Religious Traditions Core or Elective]

This course surveys major traditions of Buddhism and Buddhist thought, from the advent of Buddhism in India 2,500 years ago to contemporary expressions throughout the world. We will work first to understand the ideas and traditions we encounter relative to their own social and historical contexts. We will then engage with these traditions critically, asking about their relevance for contemporary religious and philosophical discourse.

RELG 3340, CRN 24437: Religion, Science, and Technology

1:00-1:50 MWF

Dr. Clayton Crockett

Irby 311

[UD UCA Core: I, C]

[Religion, Culture, and Society Core or Elective]

This course examines scientific and technological ideas and their significance for religion. This fall we will read a book on evolutionary biology by Ursula Goodenough called *The Sacred Depths of Nature*; a classic book about science that has been unbelievably important, probably the most important book about science in the 20th century: *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, by Thomas Kuhn; a recent book on cosmology by Mary-Jane Rubenstein, called *Worlds Without End: The Many Lives of the Multiverse*; and finally, a book written by a philosopher and quantum physicist, *Meeting the Universe Halfway: Quantum Physics and the Entanglement of Matter and Meaning*, by Karen Barad, which has been incredibly influential in this century.

RELG 3315, CRN 24472: Topics, Asian Religions in America

12:15-1:30 TTh

Dr. James Deitrick

Irby 311

Buddhism is now the second largest religion in a number of US states. In Arizona and Delaware, Hinduism is the second largest religion. Perhaps even more important than numbers are the various ways in which Asian religious traditions are influencing American society and culture more broadly today, where belief in karma and the practices of yoga and mindfulness are now commonplace.

This course explores some of the ways in which Asian religious traditions are developing in the US. It begins by looking at the experiences of both immigrants and converts in the American context and the various ways in which these experiences have influenced the development of Asian religions in the US. We then look at some of the ways in which Asian religious traditions are influencing American society and culture, more broadly, today. We look especially at how these traditions are represented in the various media of popular culture. We also explore the influence of Asian religions on other, new and established, religious traditions in the US. Throughout, the focus of the course is on understanding how Asian religions are affecting and being affected by American society and culture.

RELG 3380: Internship in Religious Studies

Mr. Phillip Spivey

[Elective]

Students must have the permission of the instructor to enroll in this course.

RELG 3335, CRN 24442: Judaism

9:25-10:40 TTh

Mr. Phillip Spivey

Irby 307

[UD UCA Core: D, R]

[Western Religious Traditions Core or Elective]

(This course satisfies the Western Religious Traditions Core or serves as an Elective requirement for the Religious Studies major or minor.) This course is a historical and cultural survey of the oldest Western faith tradition: Judaism. Jewish beliefs, customs, history, and sacred literature will be examined by discussing classical and contemporary readings. Students will be introduced to the major figures, ideas, customs, and history of the Jewish people; identify and critically analyze major themes, poetic expressions and symbolism in Jewish literature; and recognize Jewish contributions to Western culture and thought.