

Course: REL 100
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisite: None

Course Title: Introduction to Religion
Department: Religious Studies

General Education Area:
PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Cultural Competence (*GEC 115*)

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Typically Offered During:

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 st Block:	NO	Fall 2 nd Block:	YES
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 st Block:	NO	Spring 2 nd Block:	YES
Summer:	YES				

Typical Instructional Modality:

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	YES	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

May Also Count Toward Department Offering:

Major:	YES	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	YES
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Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.

How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?

REL 100 examines the important questions about religion and life. It explores how religious beliefs shape individual and collective behavior, and then gives tools to understand, critically examine, and identify similarities and differences between one's own perspectives and those of others.

Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?

In REL 100, students will:

- become aware of the relevance of religion in human life, both public and private;
- become acquainted with the meaning of religion and with multiple religious and cultural perspectives, and to examine one's own perspective, religious or not, in the light of this knowledge;
- learn to recognize and understand the religious and non-religious beliefs of others and to practice informed and respectful discussion of differences in worldviews;
- recognize and understand the foundations of ethical decision-making and examine one's own values and behaviors;
- develop skills for analyzing ethical dilemmas in order to have a positive impact on personal and public life.

Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?

Education, Social Work, Psychology, Philosophy, Economics, Political Science, Planning, Special Education

Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)

Investigates what religion is and does, compares culturally diverse religious ideas and practices. This course explores how religion influences the relationship between individual and community by examining religious ethical systems, and providing community engagement opportunities.