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Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Course ID: ANTH 101

Introduction to the general field of anthropology, including reviews of scientific theories as basis of the academic research, as well as social, cultural, ethnographic and methodological topics which refer to the discipline. The course includes a study of diversity and similarity of behavior patterns, values, traditions, economical systems and customs of people in different cultural contexts- present and past. The focus will be to enhance students understanding of human nature. This will be derived from the investigation of the variety and range of socially standardized responses to the circumstances of human living. Such insight transcends a culture- bound approach, which views things from the narrow perspective of one's native cultural background. In each aspect of human culture this introduction seeks to provide an appreciation of other cultures as well an understanding of our values attitudes within society, lastly it reflects the perspective of our Christian faith toward society.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Introduction to International Development

Course ID: ECON 230

This course provides an introduction to the field of international development through an overview of the many issues and challenges relating to economic disparity among people of various nations. Students engage in the exploration of responses to these situations. The course is open to students from all disciplines.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Language and Society

Course ID: LING 210

This course gives students the opportunity to examine and interpret how the socio-cultural context affects the way people speak in that setting. Topics in focus include regional and social dialects, multilingualism, language attitudes and their impact on national and personal identity, linguistic politeness, the maintenance, shift, loss, and spread of languages, and the impact of modern technology. Applications to gender and education are explored in depth.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None. (Summer or 3-0; 3-0)

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Articulatory Phonetics

Course ID: LING 310

Theoretical and practical introduction to the broad range of human speech sounds including tone, intonation, stress, and duration; extensive drill in producing and recognizing these sounds and recording them with phonetic symbols; and practice in recording and reproducing the sounds of selected languages.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None. (Summer or 3 0; 3-0)

NB: Students may not take both LING 306 and LING 310. Students taking a TESOL Track minor in Applied Linguistics with TESOL and students taking the TESOL track TESOL Certificate should take LING 306 rather than LING 310.

Co-requisite(s): None

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Cross-listed: N/A

Phonological Analysis

Course ID: LING 330

The study of sound systems of human language, including initial principles of phonological analysis. Application of these principles to a wide range of natural language data.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): LING 310 (Summer; 3-1; 3-1)

Cross-listed: N/A

Morphosyntax I

Course ID: LING 360

Theories of grammar and principles of language analysis. Topics include: morphology, syntax, stems, words, phrases, sentences, and categories of meaning. Problem solving with data from a variety of languages is a major part of the course.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): LING 310. (Summer; 3-1; 0-0)

Cross-listed: N/A

Cross-cultural Communication

Course ID: MCOM 372

This course is about the nature of cross-cultural interaction. Cultural concepts and contexts are explored through taxonomies, theories, and comparative analysis. Through in-class and out-of-class activities, students become self-aware and other-aware. Students also experiment with cultural behaviours and cultural change, aiming to increase both explanatory and predictive cultural knowledge, and enhance behavioural competencies.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): Registration preference given to media and communication majors, concentrations, or minors, as well as corporate communication majors, TESL certificate, Inter cultural religious studies, and international studies programs. (3-0 or 3-0)

NB: Fulfils University core requirement for social and global inquiry. Required of all corporate communication majors. Fulfils theory and criticism requirement for media and communication major.

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: ANTH 302, LING 302.

Political Economy of Dev. Nations

Course ID: POLS 308

This course provides an analysis of the relationship of government policies and economic development in selected Asian, African, and Latin American countries. Topics include the role of leadership and public policy; challenges of development; obstacles to democratization; and the interaction of domestic and global political/economic structures.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): POLS 101 and 211, or instructor's consent.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Introduction to Old Testament Studies

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Course ID: RELS 101

An introduction to the major divisions of the Old Testament (Pentateuch, Prophets, and Writings), including an orientation to the following areas in the field of Old Testament studies: inspiration, principles of interpretation, canon, text, world of the Old Testament, historical backgrounds, archeology, theology, criticism, literary forms, and apocryphal writings.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Introduction to New Testament Studies

Course ID: RELS 102

An introduction to the major writings of the New Testament (Synoptic Gospels, Pauline, and Johannine Writings) within their historical, cultural and literary contexts. This is not a survey course, but aims to introduce students to the field of New Testament while also considering its rich theological relevance, paralleling the orientation toward RELS 101.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Introduction to Theology

Course ID: RELS 160

What do Christians believe about God and what are their grounds for holding these beliefs? Introduction to Christian theology places Christian theology in the broader context of religion and invites students to consider their own beliefs in the context of the broader Christian theological tradition and to explore their relationship to scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. Students are encouraged to consider the importance and relevance of Christian theology in academic and ecclesial contexts with special to spiritual formation.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

New Testament Theology

Course ID: RELS 224

A study of the New Testament writings in their historical setting and chronological sequence with the goal of acquiring knowledge of their theological unity and diversity.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 102

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Western World Religions

Course ID: RELS 271

An analytical and critical study of the phenomena, the conceptual patterns, and the sacred texts of some of the major Western religions. Each religion is studied as a total perspective for life, which is embodied in interpersonal and communal life, in cult, and in ideology. This course provides a general introduction to the study of world religions as well as an historical and structural survey of

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Judaism, Islam, Christianity and new religions in the West. The subject matter is approached from an emic anthropological standpoint—that is, the history, belief and practice of each religious group will be examined in detail, as if the student was living within that religious context.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Eastern World Religions

Course ID: RELS 272

An analytical and critical study of the phenomena, the conceptual patterns, and the sacred texts of some of the major Eastern religions. Each religion is studied as a total perspective for life, which is embodied in interpersonal and communal life, in cult, and in ideology.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Introduction to Missions

Course ID: RELS 285

This course introduces basic concepts in missiology. Foundational notions from Old Testament and New Testament theology of missions are explored. As well, this course considers the rise and development of the missionary movement from apostolic times to the present. Issues arising from applied anthropology as it relates to cross-cultural communication are also developed. Special emphasis is given to discussion of important trends and select strategies in contemporary world mission.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

The Pentateuch

Course ID: RELS 341

A study of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible with special reference to introduction, exegesis, and history. Attention is given to their historical and theological significance for both Judaism and Christianity.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 101, 102.

NB: Not offered every year See department chair

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Psalms and Wisdom Literature

Course ID: RELS 342

An introduction to the place, function, and form of the Psalms and wisdom literature within the context of other ancient Near Eastern literature, including an analysis of selected examples such as Job, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 101, 102.

NB: Not offered every year See department chair

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Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

The Expansion of Christianity in the Two-thirds World

Course ID: RELS 364

The expansion of Christianity in the non-Western world from the first century to the present. Attention is given to critiquing those factors that hindered or enhanced the expansion of Christianity during specific eras.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 285 or instructor's consent.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Sociology of Religion

Course ID: RELS 371

An introduction to the theories and concepts utilized by sociologists to interpret religious behaviour and the organization of religion.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): None

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: SOCI 331

Cross-Cultural/Missions Practicum

Course ID: RELS 380

A supervised short-term missions/cross-cultural internship/practicum.

Course Credits: 2

Prerequisite(s): 6 sem. hrs. of History. (0-0; 3-0)

NB: Open only to Inter-Cultural Religious Studies majors or minors.

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Contemporary Christianity

Course ID: RELS 381

Students are invited to investigate some of the most significant theologians and theologies of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries with a view toward how they influence Christianity today. The approach is both inter-confessional and international in scope and seeks to allow students to grapple with important theological issues in local, national, and global contexts.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): Two of RELS 101, 102, or 160.

NB: Formerly RELS 461

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Religion, Contextualization, and Culture Change

Course ID: RELS 384

A study of the history of contextualization from biblical to modern times, exploring significant models and paradigms of prominent thinkers and evaluating these adaptations and innovations. Also, the social and spiritual dynamics of culture change are examined, with a view to analyzing those processes which help to make the Gospel relevant in the constantly changing world in which we live.

Course Credits: 3

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Prerequisite(s): RELS 285

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Global Theologies

Course ID: RELS 386

This course seeks to extend the study of theology to the manner in which non-Western communities of Christians endeavour to shape their world by their faith. Special emphasis is given to examining Christology and Soteriology from a cross-cultural perspective and to the manner by which both Western and non-Western traditions may interact to enrich hermeneutics, missiology, and biblical and systematic theology.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 285 or instructor's consent.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Old Testament Seminar

Course ID: RELS 449

This course is a study of selected topics that are currently under examination in the field of Old Testament studies.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 101, 102 and third or fourth year standing.)

NB: Not offered every year See department chair

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

New Testament Seminar

Course ID: RELS 456

A study of selected topics that are currently under examination in the field of New Testament studies.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 101, 102, and third or fourth year standing.

NB: Not offered every year See department chair

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Current Issues & Trends in Missions

Course ID: RELS 460

Current missiological themes are studied such as: Missio Dei, Salvation Today, social justice and mission, meaning of evangelism and evangelization, contextualization, liberation themes, missions as inculturation, missions as an ecumenical expression, mobilizing the laity for missions, missions as a theology, and missions as an eschatological hope. The course also examines shifting missiological paradigms within the Conciliar Movement and Evangelical responses.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 101, 102; and 285

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Influential Thinkers in the Christian Tradition

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Course ID: RELS 465

An introduction to some seminal figures in the Western Christian tradition. The course investigates their thought and intellectual contributions within their socio-political context and experience.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): RELS 101, 102 and 160

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A

Psychology of Religion

Course ID: RELS 470

An application of the tools of empirical psychology to the study of the development and function of religious experience. An analysis of the role of religious experience in the human personality. Specific religious experiences (e.g. conversion, prayer, glossolalia, miracles) are examined with a view to understanding their function in the normal individual.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 105, 106, and third year standing, or instructor's consent.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: PSYC 440.

Special Topics in Missiology

Course ID: RELS 488

An examination of special topics or issues in Missiology that are not considered in depth in other courses.

Course Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s): 9 sem. hrs. of RELS including RELS 285, and third or fourth year standing, or instructor's consent.

NB: N/A

Co-requisite(s): None

Cross-listed: N/A