

# CGS RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CGS REL)

## CGS REL 100X Introduction to the Study of Religion

3 cr.

Introduction to various methods employed in the academic study of religion, providing opportunity for students to apply these methods to diverse expressions of religious life.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**Course Rules:** Counts as a repeat of CGS REL 101X; students may not take both CGS REL 100X and CGS REL 101 for college credit.

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 101 Introduction to the Study of Religion

3 cr.

Introduction to various methods employed in the academic study of religion, providing opportunity for students to apply these methods to diverse expressions of religious life.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**Course Rules:** Counts as a repeat of CGS REL 100X; students may not take both REL 100X and REL 101 for college credit.

**General Education Requirements:** HU, IS

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024.

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 201 Asian Philosophy

3 cr.

An exploration of philosophically significant topics pertaining to the traditions of Asia. Attention will be paid to arguments pertaining to these topics as well as careful analysis of such classic primary sources as the Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, Analects, Daodejing, and Zhuangzi.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**Course Rules:** CGS PHI 201 and CGS REL 201 are the same course.

**General Education Requirements:** HU

**Last Taught:** Spring 2020.

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 258 Human Nature, Religion and Society

3 cr.

Study and critique of the views of theistic and secular writers concerning religion and its relationship to individual and social problems.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**Course Rules:** CGS PHI 258 and CGS REL 258 are the same course.

**General Education Requirements:** HU

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021.

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 261 Philosophy of Religion

3 cr.

An exploration and critical examination of philosophically significant topics pertaining to religion and its claims of knowledge of reality, divine or otherwise.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**Course Rules:** CGS PHI 261 and CGS REL 261 are the same course.

**General Education Requirements:** HU

**Last Taught:** Fall 2022, Fall 2021.

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 275 Religion, Spirituality, and Secularism in Society

3 cr.

The sociological approach to the study of religious beliefs, practices, and organizations, as found in the world religions, the religions of indigenous peoples, and new religions. Includes the role of religion in socialization, personal identity, family, politics, economics, and other social institutions. How religious patterns relate to race, ethnicity, class, and gender. The place of religion in modern and postmodern societies, including discussions of religion and secularization, fundamentalism, and globalization.

**Prerequisites:** Not recommended for first-semester students, except with consent of instructor.

**Course Rules:** CGS REL 275 and CGS SOC 275 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another.

**General Education Requirements:** SS

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 276 Religion and the Environment

3 cr.

Relationship between different religious perspectives and certain ways of viewing and interacting with the natural world, including the effects of these outlooks and their connection to contemporary environmental issues.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**General Education Requirements:** HU

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023, Spring 2021.

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 299 Independent Reading in Religious Studies

1-3 cr.

Intensive study of a sacred text or of a secondary theological, literary, exegetic or other text within a religious tradition.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**General Education Requirements:** HU

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

## CGS REL 343 Religion, Magic and Witchcraft

3 cr.

Descriptions and interpretations of magico-religious beliefs and practices in a variety of cultures from an anthropological perspective; examines theories about religion and some of the conceptual issues regarding the interpretation of religion and related phenomena which have interested anthropologists over time.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**Course Rules:** CGS ANT 343 and CGS REL 343 are the same course. Not recommended for first-semester students.

**General Education Requirements:** SS

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021, Spring 2020.

**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>