

RELI 4005 Philosophy of Religion (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) raise students' awareness of the fundamental philosophical problems associated with religion; (2) introduce students to the religious views of some of the most influential philosophers who have grappled with such problems; (3) foster an appreciation of how each philosopher's solutions to these problems arises out of the presuppositions inherent in his overall approach to philosophy; and (4) stimulate students to think philosophically about their own attitudes towards religion.

RELI 4006 Comparative Philosophy: East and West (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) provide students with a synoptic understanding of the universal ideas shared by Eastern and Western philosophies; (2) equip students with an analytic ability to explore the contrasts between Eastern and Western philosophies; and (3) encourage students to develop analytic and argumentative skills through the process of reading, speaking, and writing about various philosophical issues.

RELI 4007 Theology and Sex in Chinese Societies (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) study Christian theology of sex, together with its integral relation to humanity, and provide students with systematic and in depth understanding of Christian sexual values; (2) help establish a dynamic and dialogical relation between constructive theology and public life, and help students appreciate the wisdom of Christian perspectives and its relevance to contemporary Chinese societies; (3) enrich students' intellectual experience through interdisciplinary approach to concrete socio-cultural issues, thus providing a broader basis for critical thinking and whole-person education; and (4) help students appreciate the public relevance of Christian values and spiritualities.

RELI 4015 Mysticism and Religious Experience (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) become familiar with some of the most influential mystics who have interpreted their religious experiences in philosophically significant ways; (2) consider and critically assess a selection of classical and contemporary theories of the nature of religious experience; (3) encourage students to recognize a dimension of religion that goes beyond doctrinal belief and ritual practice; and (4) promote open discussion and debate regarding various controversial issues that arise in the process of trying to understand mystical world views.

RELI 4016 Selected Topics/Readings in Philosophy (3,2,1)

This course aims at helping the student to investigate a specific philosophical theme through a detailed study of a selected text (1) arouse students' interest in the important issues concerning philosophical issues and problems; (2) engage in a close reading of a selected philosophical topic/text so as to discover the major philosophical themes and insights contained therein; (3) cultivate students' ability in critically assessing various philosophical viewpoints towards a specific topic; and (4) further aims/objectives pertaining to the selected topic/readings can be furnished here.

RELI 4017 Chinese Christianity (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) introduce the general history of various forms of Christianity which have entered into Chinese societies, including representatives from Oriental, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Russian Orthodox churches; (2) investigate the cultural encounters between different forms of Christianity and Chinese cultures of various periods so that the resultant effects on the development of certain kinds of Chinese Christianity can be explained; (3) provide students with a fairly thorough account of the nature and development of Christianity in modern China; (4) guide students in grasping how the faith of Chinese Christians is expressed in daily life and yearly cycles of religious festivals; and (5) arouse students' interests in the problems related to Christian faith and practice within cultural China during ancient and modern periods.

RELI 4025 Christianity and Chinese Culture (3,2,1)

The course aims to (1) examining the deeper dynamics of cultural dialogue and cross-culture communication arising from Christianity's encounter with Chinese culture; (2) exploring the multiple tensions between Chinese culture and Western culture informed and inculcated by Christianity, locating these tensions to the fundamental religious dimension of their respective worldviews; and (3) reflecting on these tensions existentially as they occur in Hong Kong with people living on a Chinese cultural substratum yet fast assimilating Christian ideas and practice into their daily lives.

RELI 4026 Christianity, Modern Science and the Environment (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) enrich students' intellectual experience through a fruitful experience in inter-disciplinary studies of science and religion, and to help them understand the recent developments; (2) stimulate students' interest in the quest for meaning and truth in both science and religion; (3) stimulate students' concern for the environment by exploring the ethical and spiritual resources of the Christian religion; and (4) help students develop a critical appreciation of the creative tensions between science and religion.

RELI 4027 Selected Readings In Christian Studies (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) provide students with a basic understanding of the rich variety of Christian theological texts; (2) enable students to appreciate the thoughts of Christian thinkers through the primary texts; and (3) help students enjoy reading primary texts.

RELI 4035 Comparative Religious Themes (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) enhance a deeper understanding of the world's living religions by building upon what the students have learnt in the first two years of their programme; (2) find out the underlying causes of religious pluralism in the contemporary world; and (3) assess the prospects for inter-religious dialogue and religious co-existence.

RELI 4036 Religion and Ideology (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) introduce the problem of ideology in the perspective of religious studies; (2) clarify the relation between ideology and traditional religions; and (3) enhance the students' acquaintance with critical analysis of various ideologies, and to locate them in the context of the modern society.

RELI 4037 Religion and Modern Society (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) help students widen and deepen their understanding of contemporary religious life and institutions; (2) introduce a sociological perspective which puts religion in a modern social context; and (3) help students to acquire an objective understanding and evaluation of the growth and decay of religious life, movements and institutions in modern society.

RELI 4045 Religions in Northwestern China Today (3,2,1)

This course aims to (1) provide students with a truly dramatic way to see Northwestern China, and have an unique experience of inter-cultural, inter-ethnic, and inter-religious encounters; (2) equip students with a better understanding of how each of the major religious tradition of China adjusts to a rapidly changing political and economic landscape; (3) offer students an opportunity to visit China's world-famous historical sites, and learn about its religious implications; and (4) provide students with the opportunity to learn to be a culturally-aware and socially-responsible person since the study trip itself emphasizes the idea of partnership and responsibility (student to professor, student to student, and student to self)

RELI 4046 Selected Topics in Religious Studies (3,2,1)

To provide an opportunity for students to study and discuss selected topics of particular interest and relevance to Religious