

**REL 3620 Selected Topics/Readings in Philosophy (3,2,1)**

This course will study a selection of classical literature from the main streams of Chinese philosophy, especially those concerned with Confucianism, Daoism and/or Chinese Buddhism. The course will focus upon specific texts selected from the areas (e.g. Daoism). In studying the selected texts, emphasis will be given to the examination of the philosophical ideas and problems related to the texts. This is an advanced course. Students without adequate background should consult the course instructor before enrolment.

**REL 3630 Selected Topics/Readings in Christian Studies (3,2,1)**

This course is a study of primary texts of major theological thinkers and/or ecclesiastical documents. The texts to be studied in detail may cover one or more periods of history (e.g. the Patristic Period, the Middle Ages, the Reformation or the Post-Enlightenment Period), or focus on one or more theologians or themes. This is an advanced course. Students without adequate background should consult the course instructor before enrolment.

**REL 3770 Religion and Ideology (3,2,1)**

This course introduces students to the concept of ideology and its significance for the understanding of religion in the modern world. Through the particular example of Marxist critique of religion as ideology, the classical formulation of the concept of ideology is introduced. The validity and nature of this critique will then be considered. Religion's response to the critique will then be examined. Religion's critique of ideology as quasi-religion will also be discussed. Various modern ideologies will then be surveyed and their inherent strength and weakness will be set out in contrast with traditional religions. This is an advanced course. Students without adequate background should consult the course instructor before enrolment.

**REL 3780 Religions in Northwestern China (3,2,1)**

This course, which is supplemented by a summer study tour, enables students to explore the various religious traditions in contemporary mainland China. Its specific focus is on religious diversity in the northwestern part of China. The primary way this is done is to begin with a general understanding of Chinese religions including Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, Islam, Protestant and Catholic Christianity, and "Popular Religion". Particular attention will be paid to sociological and ethnographic issues in northwestern China such as religion and secularization, ethnicity and modernity.

**REL 3990 Selected Topics/Readings in Religious Studies Today (3,2,1)**

The precise content of the course will be determined on the basis of (1) the needs of the students, (2) availability of faculty, and (3) consultation between the teaching faculty and Head of Department. This is an advanced course. Students without adequate background should consult the course instructor before enrolment.

**REL 7010 Graduate Seminar (3,3,0)**

Each graduate student will be required to present and defend at least one research paper during the semester. The teacher(s) may also present lectures and/or lead discussions on topics relevant to the students' research topics. The exact course description, outline content, assessment, teaching methods/approach to learning, and references for this course will depend on the following factors: (1) the number of graduate students enrolled in the seminar; (2) the nature of their topics; and (3) the specialization(s) of the teacher (or teachers, if it is team-taught).

**REL 7020 Selected Masterpieces in Philosophy (3,3,0)**

An in-depth study of selected seminal work(s) of philosophy. The course aims at enabling the students to appreciate the historical significance of the work, to understand its role in the philosophical

tradition, to critically assess its major ideas and arguments, and to explore its relevance to the contemporary world. The instructor(s) of this course will set the pace, present lectures when deemed necessary, design the topics for discussions and guide the students to write their reports. Reports will be presented in seminars while the instructor(s) and other students act as discussants.

**REL 7030 Selected Masterpieces in Christian Religion (3,3,0)**

An in-depth study of selected seminal work(s) of Christian theology. The course aims at enabling the students to appreciate the historical significance of the work, to understand its role in the Christian tradition, to critically assess its major ideas and arguments, and to explore its relevance to the contemporary world. The instructor(s) of this course will set the pace, present lectures when deemed necessary, design the topics for discussions and guide the students to write their reports. Reports will be presented in seminars while the instructor(s) and other students act as discussants.

**REL 7040 Selected Masterpieces in Chinese Religions (3,3,0)**

An in-depth study of selected seminal work(s) in Chinese religions (e.g. Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism). The course aims at enabling the students to appreciate the historical significance of the work, to understand its role in the Chinese culture, to critically assess its major ideas and arguments, and to explore its relevance to the contemporary world. The instructor(s) of this course will set the pace, present lectures when deemed necessary, design the topics for discussions and guide the students to write their reports. Reports will be presented in seminars while the instructor(s) and other students act as discussants.

**REL 7050 Comparative Study of Religious Masterpieces (3,3,0)**

An in-depth comparative study of a selected seminal work of Christian theology and a selected seminal work in Chinese religions (e.g. Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism). Besides enabling the students to appreciate the historical significance of the works, to understand their roles in their religious traditions, to critically assess their major ideas and arguments, and to explore their relevance to the contemporary world, the course also aims at a comparative study of the themes, modes of thinking, symbols, etc. in these works from diverse religious traditions. The instructor(s) of this course will set the pace, present lectures when deemed necessary, design the topics for discussions and guide the students to write their reports. Reports will be presented in seminars while the instructor(s) and other students act as discussants.

**REL 7060 Advanced Required Readings (3,\*,\*)**

This course aims to (1) provide a tailor-made and guided reading programme for research postgraduate students in specific areas of religious studies or philosophy, and (2) induce students to acquire in-depth understanding of their research area and related disciplines. The supervisor and the student are required to work out a reading list to cover the topics pertaining to the student's research area. The approved list will be submitted to the department for record. The student might have to submit one or more reading reports as seen fit by the supervisor.

**R.P. 1010 Introduction to Philosophy (3,2,1)****哲學導論**

This course aims at providing an introduction to a selection of major philosophical issues in the Western tradition. Emphasis will be placed on showing how these issues can be relevant to our modern day living. The views of representative philosophers on such issues will also be introduced in the lectures. In addition, the course will stress the continuity between these philosophers and the connections between their respective solutions to the problems under consideration. Students will be encouraged to