



SCTR 19 – "Religions of the Book" – Spring 2007

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Schedule of Readings & Assignments

Abbreviations:

- **Hst** = Historical Topics; **Scr** = Scriptural Texts; **B&P** = Beliefs & Practices; **HB** = Hebrew Bible; **OT** = Old Testament; **NT** = New Testament;
- **CSB** = *Catholic Study Bible*; **RG** = "Reading Guides" in the front of the *CSB*; **VSI** = *Very Short Introduction* (thin textbooks from Oxford University Press)
- **ERes** = Electronic Reserves (readings online through the SCU Library); **HO** = printed handouts.

Reminders: All primary and secondary readings should be done *before* you come to class each day (except the first day, of course); check this webpage *daily* for online readings.

Date	Main Topics	Primary Readings	Secondary Readings	Exams, Resources, etc.
Mon-4/2	Course Introduction: * Texts & Resources; Scriptural References * Context & Content: Historical & Literary	HB: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 NT: Matthew 1:1-18 Qur'an: Surah 1:1-7	Course Syllabus & Website <i>CSB</i> : Contents (pp. v-xix)	* Biblical References * Relig. Studies Resources
Wed-4/4	Preliminary Considerations: * Defs: Religion, Faith, Theisms, Scripture, Bible, etc. * Rels. of the Book, Abrahamic, Monotheistic, Western?	HB: Deuteronomy 6:1-25 NT: Mark 1:1-45 Qur'an: Surah 96:1-19	ERes: Kessler, "What Is Religion?" <i>RG</i> 3-9 – General Intro Qur'an: Prefaces, ix-xiv	* Religion.htm and PPT * Biblical Glossary
4/6	No Class: <i>Good Friday</i>	.	.	<i>Select Term Project Topic</i>
Mon-4/9	Intro to ISRAELITE RELIGION: Family of Abraham Scr: Book of Genesis B&P: Covenant & Circumcision; Land & Inheritance	<i>Skim:</i> Genesis 1–50 <i>Focus:</i> Gen 9, 12, 15–18, 21–23, 25	ERes: Bowley, "Beginnings of Bible" <i>RG</i> 10-12 – Texts & Background <i>RG</i> 30-53 – Hist & Arch. (<i>skim</i>)	* Western-Rel.htm or PPT * Abraham and Covenants * Middle East Geography
Wed-4/11	Hst: Moses & the Exodus Scr: <i>Torah</i> (Law / Instruction / Teaching) B&P: Monotheism & Idolatry	<i>Skim:</i> Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy <i>Focus:</i> Exod 1–3, 11–12, 19–20, 32–34	<i>RG</i> 85-90, <i>skim</i> 91-99 – Pentateuch <i>RG</i> 115-125 – Exodus	* Bible Translations * Israelite History & PPT
Fri-4/13	Hst: The Israelite Monarchy; David & Jerusalem Scr: <i>Nevi'im</i> (Former & Latter Prophets) B&P: Temple & Sacrifice; Priesthood & Prophecy	<i>Skim:</i> Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings; <i>Focus:</i> 2 Sam 5–7; 1 Kgs 6, 8, 12; 2 Kgs 18, 22–25	<i>RG</i> 68-75 – Bible Translations <i>RG</i> 149, 156, 169, 183 – Deut. Hist.	<i>Propose Site Visits</i> * Biblical Genres & PPT
Mon-4/16	1) Exam 1 on Religion Intro & Israelite Religion	<i>Skim:</i> Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, 1 & 2	<i>Judaism VSI:</i> Intro & Ch. 1	* EXAM 1

	<p>2) Intro to JUDAISM: People & Covenant Hst: Exile & Restoration; Second Temple Period Scr: <i>Khetuvim</i> (Writings)</p>	<p>Chronicles <i>Focus:</i> Esther 6–10</p>	<p>RG 199, 203, 207, 211 – Chron. Hist. RG 222-225 – Esther</p>	<p>*Judaism: Overview *Jewish History & PPT (cont.)</p>
Wed-4/18	<p>Hst: Hellenistic Judaisms: Judea& Diaspora Scr: <i>Hebrew Bible</i> (HB) & <i>Septuagint</i> (LXX) B&P: Politics & Religion; Assimilation vs. Resistance</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Deuterocanonical Books (T.J. McWEB) <i>Focus:</i> 1 Macc 1–4 (compare 2 Macc 4–10) <i>Focus:</i> Daniel 1–2, 7–9, 13</p>	<p><i>Judaism VSI:</i> Ch. 2 (<i>focus</i>) & 3 (<i>skim</i>) RG 226-234 – Maccabees RG 336-343 – Daniel</p>	<p>*Heb/Xtian Bibles and PPT *Hellenistic Era Rulers *Book of Daniel</p>
Fri-4/20	<p>Hst: Rabbinic Judaism: Surviving post-70 CE Scr: Written & Oral Torah (<i>Tanak; Mishnah & Talmud</i>) B&P: <i>Mitzvot</i>: Ethics, Rituals, Food, Sex, etc.</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Mishnah & Talmud (intros online) <i>Focus:</i> compare Exod 20 & Deut 5; <i>Focus:</i> Lev 11 (<i>skim</i> Lev 17–26); Deut 14–16</p>	<p><i>Judaism VSI:</i> Ch. 6 & 9 RG 125-133 – Leviticus RG 141-148 – Deuteronomy</p>	<p>*Decalogue *Judaisms in 2nd Temple Era *Rabbinic Literature (PPT)</p>
Mon-4/23	<p>Hst: Medieval & Modern Judaism: Prayer & Worship Scr: Hebrew Bible in Jewish Liturgy B&P: Hebrew Calendar; Feasts & Festivals</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Psalms, Song of Songs <i>Focus:</i> Psalms 1–2; 148–150; Lamentations 1–5</p>	<p>ERes: Szlakmann, “Sabbath/Festivals” <i>Judaism VSI:</i> Ch. 4 & 5 RG 243-254 – Psalms</p>	<p>*Psalms *Festivals and Feasts (PPT) *Jewish Prayer (PPT)</p>
Wed-4/25	<p>Hst: Contemporary Judaism: Groups & Branches Scr: Interpretations of the Hebrew Scriptures B&P: Jewish Family Life; Life-Cycle Events</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Job, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs <i>Focus:</i> Ruth 1–4; Prov 1–4, 30–31</p>	<p>ERes: Schoen, “Branches of Judaism” <i>Judaism VSI:</i> Ch. 7 & 8 & Appendices RG 164-169 – Ruth</p>	<p>Field-Trip: Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Dana Magat</p>
Fri-4/27	<p>Hst: Jewish-Christian Relations Scr: More on the Prophets B&P: Expectations of the Messiah & the Future</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, 12 Minor Prophets <i>Focus:</i> Isaiah 6, 11, 24, 40, 42, 53, 55, 61, 65-66</p>	<p><i>CSB-OT</i> 928-30 – Intro Major Prophets RG 344-45 – Minor Prophets</p>	<p>*Prophecy *About Judaism (offsite)</p>
Mon-4/30	<p>1) Exam 2 on Judaism 2) Intro to CHRISTIANITY: Messiah & Gospel Overview of NT, Jesus, and Christianity Today</p>	x	<p>ERes: “Christianity” (<i>optional</i>) <i>Christianity VSI:</i> Intro</p>	<p>EXAM 2 & <i>Synagogue Visit Reports Due</i> *Christianity: Overview & PPT *Christian History</p>
Wed-5/2	<p>Hst: Jesus’ Public Ministry, Passion & Death Scr: Gospel according to Mark B&P: Christology & Discipleship</p>	<p><i>Read carefully:</i> Gospel of Mark (all 16 chs.)</p>	<p>ERes: Metzger, “NT Canon” RG 387-89, <i>skim</i> 390-97 – Mark</p>	<p>*NT Canon and PPT *NT Christology and PPT *Disciples / Apostles</p>
Fri-5/4	<p>Hst: Jesus’ Birth & Resurrection Scr: Canonical & Non-Canonical Gospels B&P: Prayer & Worship; Feasts & Festivals</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Gospels of Matthew, Luke, John <i>Focus:</i> Matt 1–2; Luke 1–2; John 1 <i>Focus:</i> Matt 28; Luke 24; John 20-21</p>	<p><i>Christianity VSI:</i> Ch. 1 & 2 RG 371-72, 373f, 397f, 412f – Gospels RG 76-84 – Bible in the Lectionary</p>	<p>*Four Gospels *Jesus’ Birth & Resurrection *Lectionary/Liturgy & PPT</p>
Mon-5/7	<p>Hst: Early Christianity: Christology & Creeds Scr: Acts of the Apostles & Letters of Paul B&P: Church Structure & Ministry</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Acts; Romans through Philemon <i>Focus:</i> Acts 1–4, 10–11, 15–16; Gal 1–3</p>	<p><i>Christianity VSI:</i> Ch. 3 & 4 RG 423-26, 439-41 – Acts & Paul RG 16-29 – Bible in Catholic Life</p>	<p>Field Trip: St. Clare Parish *Christian Creeds & Trinity *Branches of Christianity</p>
Wed-5/9	<p>Hst: Christian Growth & Divisions Worldwide Scr: Catholic/General Epistles B&P: Sacraments & Life-Cycle Events</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Hebrews through Jude <i>Focus:</i> John 3; 1 Cor 11–14; Heb 1; James 1–5</p>	<p><i>Christianity VSI:</i> Ch. 5 & 6 RG 496-501 – Hebrews RG 501-06 – James</p>	<p>*Eucharist & Mass *Xn Liturgy: Biblical Bkgrnd *Sacraments & PPT</p>
Fri-5/11	<p>Hst: Contemporary Christianity Scr: Apocalypse/Revelation B&P: Ethics & Eschatology</p>	<p><i>Skim:</i> Book of Revelation <i>Focus:</i> Matt 5–7, 25; <i>Focus:</i> 1 Thess 4; 2 Peter 3; Rev 1, 19–22</p>	<p><i>Christianity VSI:</i> Ch. 7 & Conclusion RG 510-12 – 2 Peter RG 520-24 – Revelation</p>	<p>*Faith & Works & Ethics PPT *Apocalypse *Eschatology & PPT</p>

Mon-5/14	1) Exam 3 on Christianity 2) Intro to ISLAM: Message & Messenger Overview of Qur'an, Muhammad, and Islam Today	<i>Skim:</i> Qur'an, Contents (pp. xxv – lxii) <i>Review:</i> Qur'an 1:1-7	<i>Islam VSI:</i> Ch. 1 – Islam & Islamism HO: “Discover Islam”	EXAM 3 & Church Visit Reports Due * Islam: Overview * Qur'an Overview & PPT
Wed-5/16	Hst: Muhammad's Life & Preaching in Makka Scr: Qur'an – early surahs in Makka B&P: Pillars of Muslim Belief: God, Prophets, Afterlife	<i>Skim:</i> Qur'an 67 – 114 <i>Focus:</i> Qur'an 96, 97, 106, 107, 112; 75, 88, 92	<i>Islam VSI:</i> Ch. 2 – Qur'an & Prophet ERes: Cook, “Message of the Koran”	* Life of Muhammad * Islamic Beliefs & PPT
Fri-5/18	Hst: Muhammad & the Muslim Community in Madinah Scr: Qur'an – later surahs in Madinah B&P: Pillars of Muslim Practice: Prayer & Worship	<i>Skim:</i> Qur'an 2 – 7 <i>Focus:</i> Qur'an 2:122-152, 183-203, 261-281	<i>Islam VSI:</i> Appendix – Five Pillars Qur'an: Ali's Intro (pp. 1-12)	Field Trip: Masjid An-Noor (MCA) * Pillars of Practice
Mon-5/21	Hst: The Early Muslim Community after Muhammad Scr: Compilation of the Qur'an & Hadith Literature B&P: Prophets, Successors, Leaders	<i>Skim:</i> Qur'an 8 – 16 <i>Focus:</i> Qur'an 8:1-37, 65-75; 14:1-52	<i>Islam VSI:</i> Ch. 3 – Divine Unicity HO: “Islam Introduction”	* Pillars of Practice PPT * Islamic Calendar & Feasts
Wed-5/23	Hst: The Expansion of Islam Scr: Interpretation of the Qur'an B&P: Islamic Law & Ethics	<i>Skim:</i> Qur'an 17 – 29 <i>Focus:</i> Qur'an 22:1-48; 24:1-34	<i>Islam VSI:</i> Ch. 4 & 5 – Shari'a & Women	* Women in Qur'an & Islam PPT * Islamic History (cont.)
Fri-5/25	Hst: Muslims in the World Today Scr: Use of the Qur'an in Islam B&P: Inter-religious Dialogue, Conflict, Extremism	<i>Skim:</i> Qur'an 30 – 66 <i>Focus:</i> Qur'an 41:1-54; 44:1-59	<i>Islam VSI:</i> Ch. 6 – Two Jihads	* PBS: Islam (offsite) * Islamic Glossary
5/28	HOLIDAY: <i>Memorial Day</i>			
Wed-5/30	A) Exam 4 on Islam B) Comparative Issues: Prophets	HB: Deut 18:9-22; 34:9-12; Isa 6:1-10; 61:1-11; Mal 3:1-5, 16-24 NT: Luke 4:14-30; 1 Cor 12:28-29; Hebr 1:1-5; 3:1-19; <i>re-read</i> Mark 6:14-15; 8:27-28; 9:2-13; John 1:1-51 Qur'an: 3:42-60; 4:150-173; 5:109-120; 6:84-90; 33:40	1) Judaism 101: Prophets 2) FJ: Biblical Prophecy 3) Alislam.org: Prophets	EXAM 4 & Mosque Visit Reports Due
Fri-6/1	<i>Term Project Presentations (w/ Molly):</i> 1) Matt: Israel & Palestine 2) Juliana: Sunni & Shi'a	Matt's Readings: HB: Gen 22:9-14; Exod 11:1-10; 12:37-42; 2 Sam 5:1-5; 6:1-10 NT: Matt 21:1-5, 12-17; Mark 15: 22-32; Acts 1:13-15 Qur'an: 5:97-100; 6:91-94; 27:83-93; 42:1-9 Juliana's Readings: HB: Deut 13:1-19; 1 Kings 12:1-33 NT: 2 John 1-13; 3 John 1-15 Qur'an: 33:21-27; 49:1-18	Matt: * Top Ten Pros & Cons * Brief History of Israel & Palestine * Origin of Palestine-Israel Conflict	Juliana: * Sunni and Shia * Shias Killed in Pakistan * Baghdad Ambush
Mon-6/4	<i>Term Project Presentations (w/ Gina):</i> 3) Natasha: Contraception 4) Ashley: Stem Cell Research	Natasha's Readings: HB: Gen 1:22; 4:1; 21:1-3; 33:5; 38:6-11; Psalms 113, 127, 139:13-24 NT: Mark 10:13-16; Luke 1:5-80; 1 Tim 2:14-15; Rev 9:21 Qur'an: 3:4-7; 4:1; 6:151; 16:70-78; 17:31; 22:5; 31:33-34; 39:5-7; 53:32 Ashley's Readings: HB: Gen 2:4-16; Exod 20:13; 21:22-23; Deut 6:5; 24:6-22; Psalm 127:3-5; 139:13-16; Isaiah 49:1-	Natasha: * Judaism on Contraception * Christianity on Contraception * Islam on Contraception	Ashley: * Overview of Stem Cell Research * Judaism on Stem Cell Research * Christianity on Stem Cell Research * Islam on Stem Cell Research

		7; Jer 1:4-10 NT: Mark 14:22-26; Matt 26:26-30; Luke 1:39-45; 10:42; 22:14-20; John 6:22-59 Qur'an: Surah 2:258-260; 41:1-54; 67:1-14; 96:1-2		
Wed-6/6	<i>Term Project Presentations</i> (w/ Jack): 5) Stephanie: Gay Rights 6) Andrea: Religion in U.S. Politics	Stephanie's Readings: HB: ? NT: ? Qur'an: ? Andrea's Readings: HB: Isaiah 33:22 NT: Romans 13:4 Qur'an: 5:44	Stephanie: ?	Andrea: * Judasim : * Christianity : * Islam :
Fri-6/8	<i>Term Project Presentations</i> (w/ Fr. Felix): 7) Jamie: Environmental Ethics Course Summary & Review	Jaime's Readings: HB: Lev 19:9-10; 25:23-24; Deut 22:6-7; Psalms 103:14-18 NT: Luke 9:28-36; John 1:1-14; Rom 8:19-23 Qur'an: 6:141; 34:15-17; 89:11-14	Jamie: * Jewish Environmental Perspectives * Reading NT in Environmental Age * Qur'an Cares about Environment	x
6/11	FINAL EXAM	Monday, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	.	.

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