

## 196 RELIGION

### Introduction

The Study of Religion Students' Union (SRSU) represents all undergrads enrolled in any RLG course. The SRSU organizes seminars and social events throughout the year. To find out more or to get involved with the SRSU, please come by the ASSU office, SS 1068.

Editor

### RLG 100Y/280Y Major Religious Traditions, East and West

Instructor(s): W. Saleh

	Resp: 105							Retake: 86%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	1	1	9	16	24	31	16	5.2
Explains	1	1	2	17	26	28	23	5.5
Communicates	0	0	0	2	14	31	52	6.3
Teaching	0	1	4	5	27	35	27	5.7
Workload	0	1	6	84	3	4	1	4.1
Difficulty	1	1	7	79	10	1	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	2	26	30	27	13	5.2

Saleh's enthusiasm and humour helped make lectures interesting. He presented material clearly, was very approachable and knew the subject matter well.

Students were very disappointed with the tutorials. They were described as useless and uninteresting, and not very helpful at all.

### RLG 202Y1Y The Jewish Religious Tradition

Instructor(s): K. Green

	Resp: 36							Retake: 88%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	2	17	20	31	28	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	14	25	28	31	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	13	36	50	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	2	19	30	47	6.2
Workload	0	0	8	75	11	0	5	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	5	61	19	5	8	4.5
Learn Exp	0	3	7	11	40	14	22	5.2

Green was a great instructor who showed a lot of enthusiasm for the material and was very knowledgeable. However, a few students felt he lectured too quickly at times.

Some students also wished there was a short break in the middle of class.

### RLG 203Y1Y The Christian Religious Thought

Instructor(s): P. Klassen

	Resp: 35							Retake: 76%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	20	25	45	8	5.4
Explains	0	0	2	20	34	34	8	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	17	25	37	20	5.6
Teaching	0	0	0	14	22	51	11	5.6
Workload	0	0	0	37	25	31	5	5.1
Difficulty	0	0	2	65	20	8	2	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	12	34	18	25	9	4.8

Klassen was a well-read instructor who was also enthusiastic, articulate and organized.

Students did wish that assignments were worth more considering the amount of work necessary for some of them. Otherwise, a fun and informative class.

### RLG 206Y1Y The Buddhist Religious Tradition

Instructor(s): H. Shiu

	Resp: 51							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	10	32	36	16	5.5
Explains	0	2	2	4	14	48	28	5.9

Communicates	0	0	0	4	22	32	40	6.1
Teaching	0	2	2	4	16	38	38	6.0
Workload	0	0	10	64	20	4	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	4	55	28	12	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	5	16	19	30	27	5.6

Shiu was very good and knowledgeable and was enthusiastic about what he taught. Some students wished that tests were worth a bit more than 10%. Most students enjoyed the material though.

### RLG 212Y1Y Introduction to the Anthropology of Religion

Instructor(s): G. Gillison

	Resp: 37							Retake: 29%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	2	8	25	22	33	2	4.7
Explains	2	5	2	33	33	19	2	4.6
Communicates	2	8	5	22	16	36	8	4.8
Teaching	8	8	11	30	25	16	0	4.1
Workload	0	0	5	45	32	8	8	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	2	40	24	18	13	5.0
Learn Exp	17	3	7	50	10	10	0	3.6

Most students were disappointed with this course, describing it as "boring".

While Gillison was clearly very knowledgeable about the subject, some students found her "rude", "unapproachable" and unavailable for extra help. Also, students complained that tests were not fair and the essay took far too long to be returned.

### RLG 237H1F Women and Western Religions

Instructor(s): P. Klassen

	Resp: 54							Retake: 64%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	3	1	3	7	28	28	25	5.4
Explains	1	3	0	7	26	37	22	5.6
Communicates	0	0	1	9	19	36	32	5.9
Teaching	3	1	1	3	25	44	19	5.5
Workload	2	0	0	6	26	26	40	5.9
Difficulty	0	2	0	36	32	18	12	5.0
Learn Exp	2	0	4	31	24	17	19	5.0

This course required long hours of reading the required material. The workload was heavy with lots of assignments and a research project. This course focussed more on feminism than religion, and students should have a basic knowledge of the feminist theory. Yet most students found the course interesting and the instructor really enthusiastic.

### RLG 301H1S Sigmund Freud on Religion

Instructor(s): K. Haartman

	Resp: 15							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	46	33	20	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	0	13	60	26	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	53	40	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	26	60	13	5.9
Workload	0	0	0	53	33	6	6	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	7	42	28	21	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	15	30	46	7	5.5

Haartman's lectures were well-organized, thorough, and enthusiastically presented. Overall, a very interesting course.

### RLG 314H1S Gender Issues in Religion

Instructor(s): P. Klassen

	Resp: 30							Retake: 75%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	3	0	13	13	36	33	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	10	13	55	20	5.9

Communicates	0	3	0	6	16	33	40	6.0
Teaching	0	3	3	6	20	30	36	5.8
Workload	0	3	0	46	33	16	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	3	3	73	13	3	3	4.2
Learn Exp	0	5	0	40	25	10	20	4.9

Klassen was described as an enthusiastic instructor who gave clear, insightful and relevant lectures. Students enjoyed the class discussions and the course content. While the readings were interesting, some students felt there were too many.

**RLG 323H1S Jesus of Nazareth**

Instructor(s): J. Kloppenborg

Enr: 17	Resp: 13							Retake: 92%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	15	30	53	6.4
Explains	0	0	0	0	7	15	76	6.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	7	15	76	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	15	84	6.8
Workload	0	0	0	23	46	30	0	5.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	38	46	15	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	11	33	55	6.4

Kloppenborg was very insightful, approachable, personable and patient. His lectures were thought provoking and the material engaging.

**RLG 330H1F God and Evil**

Instructor(s): M. Vertin

Enr: 32	Resp: 32							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	3	3	12	35	45	6.2
Explains	0	0	3	0	28	31	37	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	31	62	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	3	3	37	56	6.5
Workload	0	0	6	59	28	6	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	70	16	6	6	4.5
Learn Exp	0	3	0	7	23	30	34	5.8

Students benefitted by self-reflection and self-recognition. The instructor was keen in detailed explanation of concepts and theories. Overall, the course was quite educational with an excellent instructor.

**RLG 332H1S Protestant Thought**

Instructor(s): D. Dixon

Enr: 33	Resp: 20							Retake: 94%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	10	50	40	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	15	31	52	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	15	63	21	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	0	15	55	30	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	89	10	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	5	85	10	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	28	35	28	7	5.1

Overall, a very interesting, informative and well-taught course. Dixon was a very helpful, enthusiastic instructor who presented lectures in a well-organized, clear manner.

**RLG 334H1F World History of Modern Christianity, 1770s-1914**

Instructor(s): T. McIntire

Enr: 19	Resp: 13							Retake: 75%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	38	23	38	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	0	30	23	46	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	15	23	61	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	23	30	46	6.2
Workload	0	0	23	61	15	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	76	23	0	0	4.2

Learn Exp	0	0	0	18	36	36	9	5.4
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McIntire provided detailed and clear explanations of the course material. Overall, an excellent instructor.

**RLG 342Y1Y Judaism in the Modern Age**

Instructor(s): K. Green

Enr: 9	Resp: 8							Retake: 87%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	12	50	37	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	62	37	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	25	75	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	87	12	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	62	37	0	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	12	12	37	37	6.0

Green was described as a highly knowledgeable instructor who communicated a lot of enthusiasm. He presented material clearly and in a well-organized fashion.

**RLG 345H1F Social Ecology and Judaism**

Instructor(s): H. Fox

Enr: 9	Resp: 7							Retake: 83%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	14	71	14	0	5.0
Explains	0	0	0	14	14	57	14	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	14	14	28	42	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	16	16	66	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	71	14	14	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	57	28	14	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	20	0	0	20	0	60	5.6

This course aids in individual thought and personal growth. Overall, an interesting course with an excellent instructor.

**RLG 346H1F Time and Place in Judaism**

Instructor(s): H. Fox

Enr: 16	Resp: 14							Retake: 92%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	7	35	21	35	0	4.9
Explains	0	0	0	21	7	35	35	5.9
Communicates	0	7	0	7	21	42	21	5.6
Teaching	0	0	7	7	14	50	21	5.7
Workload	7	0	7	35	50	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	7	0	0	57	28	7	0	4.2
Learn Exp	10	10	0	40	10	10	20	4.4

The instructor encouraged students' personal thoughts and growth. The presentations aided in improving their essays. A very good instructor teaching an interesting course.

**RLG 384H1S Pluralism and Dialogue**

Instructor(s): M. Vertin

Enr: 26	Resp: 23							Retake: 95%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	8	47	43	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	13	45	40	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	43	56	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	43	56	6.6
Workload	0	0	4	82	8	4	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	4	56	30	8	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	14	4	38	42	6.1

Students thought Vertin was an "outstanding" instructor who was very personable, caring and approachable.

Students really enjoyed and learned a lot from the seminars. Overall, "a very open and enlightening" course.