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Possible Courses to Teach

Jewish and Christian Traditions

- Introduction to the Old Testament / Introduction to the New Testament
 - Readings in the Jewish or Christian Scriptures, and scholarly methods for their study.
- Archaeology of the Ancient Near East
 - Biblical narratives in light of material evidence for life in the Ancient Near East.
- Psalms and other Poetry in the Bible
 - Psalms and Biblical poetry in their literary and historical contexts.
- The Words of the Prophets
 - The Prophets as read by Jews and Christians, emphasizing ethics and social justice.*
- Apocalypticism
 - Apocalyptic literature, its context and interpretation by Jews and Christians.
- Early Judaism
 - The development of Judaism from its earliest forms to the writing of the Talmud.
- Between the Testaments
 - The Dead Sea Scrolls, Apocrypha, Pseudepigrapha, as they relate to biblical texts.
- Early Christianity
 - Christianity from Jesus to Constantine's conversion, in art, text, and liturgy.
- Introductory Hebrew and Greek
 - Basic language instruction with readings focused on specific texts.
- Interpreting the Scriptures
 - Jewish and Christian Traditions of scriptural interpretation, ancient and Modern.
- Jewish-Christian Interactions
 - The relationships between Jews and Christians from the beginning to the present.
- Holocaust Studies
 - Holocaust history and Post-Holocaust Theology, both Jewish and Christian.

Religious Studies

- The Bible in Literature, Music, and Film
 - A study of the ways writers, musicians, and directors have used the stories of the Bible.
- Spiritual Autobiography*
 - Readings in classic autobiographies with a chance for students to write their own.
- Religion and Catastrophe
 - Religious responses to tragedy from ancient to modern times.
- Liturgical Studies
 - Ritual, Liturgy, and the ways different traditions worship.*

Other Areas of Interest

- War and Peace from Religious Perspectives*
 - An examination of the role of Religion in war and peacemaking.
- Service Projects and Study Tours*
 - Travel for service and learning, including Taizé, Europe, Israel and Jordan

* Possible experiential or service-learning component.