

# Spring 2018

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## Religion Graduate Course Offerings

**REL 635** - Dr. Lisa Bitel

### **Advanced Graduate Seminar in Comparative Christianities**

*Women and Gender in Diverse Christianities*

This course focuses on diverse Christianities of past and present, viewed through the lens of gender. Students will begin to distinguish among aspects of gender systems specific to particular Christian cultures and historical periods, and those aspects that cross cultures and characterize most forms of Christianity.

**REL 650** - Dr. Sherman Jackson

### **Readings in Islamic Texts**

*Law and Legal Methodology*

Critical reading and analysis of classical Islamic texts on law, jurisprudence and/or theology in Arabic.

**REL 652** - Dr. Paul Groner

### **Readings in Buddhist Texts**

*Doctrinal Studies of Pre-modern Japanese Buddhism.*

**This course is conducted in English.** The class focuses on reading some of the most important recent studies of pre-modern Japanese Buddhist doctrine. We still start with the founders of the various Buddhist traditions, but then move on to their later developments. The readings will cluster around the Tendai, Shingon, Pure Land, Zen, Nichiren, and Shinto traditions.

