## CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: RELS 6.66 Title: HISTORY OF SATAN
Full Title: History of Satan
Last Reviewed: 11/26/2018

| Units |  | Course Hours per Week |  | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| Maximum | 3.00 | Lecture Scheduled | 3.00 | 17.5 | Lecture Scheduled | 52.50 |
| Minimum | 3.00 | Lab Scheduled | 0 | 6 | Lab Scheduled | 0 |
|  |  | Contact DHR | 0 |  | Contact DHR | 0 |
|  |  | Contact Total | 3.00 |  | Contact Total | 52.50 |

Non-contact DHR 0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00
Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable
Grading: Grade or P/NP
Repeatability: $\quad 00$ - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Also Listed As:
Formerly: HUMAN10.66

## Catalog Description:

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## Prerequisites/Corequisites:

## Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

## Limits on Enrollment:

## Schedule of Classes Information:

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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.
Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

## ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

| AS Degree: | Area |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Humanities |
| CSU GE: | Transfer Area |  |
|  | C2 | Humanities |
| IGETC: | Transfer Area |  |

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 2008 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 2008 Inactive:

## CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:
Major Applicable Course

## COURSE CONTENT

## Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast various images and concepts about Satan from different historical periods and sources.
2. Identify the period and source for the depiction of "The Devil" in modern film, theatre literature and cartoons.
3. Describe Satan's evolution as a character and the cultural contexts that shaped it.
4. Analyze artistic and religious depictions of "The Devil" within historical, social and cultural contexts.
5. Integrate ideas, patterns, and information from ancient literature, modern literature, painting, sculpture, film, drama, and comics.
6. Demonstrate the etymology of the various names of "The Devil."
7. Apply methods of analysis to depictions of Satan from the humanities, as well as social and behavioral sciences.

## Topics and Scope:

1. Satan in the Hebrew Bible
2. Ahriman in Zoroastrian texts
3. The Devil/Demons/Satan in the New Testament
a. Gospels
b. Pauline literature
c. The Apocalypse
4. Post-Biblical Jewish and Christian depictions
5. Early Christian iconography of Satan
6. Iblis in the Qur'an
7. Medieval, Renaissance and Restoration literature such as:
a. Dante's Inferno
b. Milton's Paradise lost
c. Goethe's Faust
8. Selections from modern literature, film, theatre and comic strips including:
a. C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters
b. Anne Rice's Memnoch the Devil
c. Woody Allen's Deconstructing Harry
d. Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ
e. Archibald MacLeish's J.B.
f. Stephen Guirgis' The Last Days of Judas Iscariot
g. Anton Szandor's The Satanic Bible

## Assignment:

Assignments:

1. Weekly reading assignments of between 20-50 pages
2. 2-4 Objective exams
3. 1-3 Essay exams
4. A research paper of 5-7 pages
5. Optional field trips, in-class presentations, in-class exercises, and debates
6. Discussions
7. Written homework (2-3 pages) such as personal reflection papers and/or critical interpretations on selected passages and pieces of art
8. Final exam (objective, essay or a combination)

## Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.
Reading reports, research paper and essays

| Writing |
| :---: |
| $25-60 \%$ |

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or noncomputational problem solving skills.

Analytical interpretations, class performances, in-class presentations, in-class exercises and debates

Problem solving
10-25\%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

## None



Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, true/false, matching items, completion, essay exams, text analysis

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Classroom participation, optional: oral presentations, reports on interviews, museum visits, or field trips.

## Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Satan: A Biography. Kelly, Henry Ansgar. Cambridge, 2006 (Classic).
The Origin of Satan. Pagels, Elaine. Random House, 1995 (Classic).
Evil Incarnate: Rumors of Demonic Conspiracy and Satanic Abuse in History, by Frankfurter, David Princeton University Press, 2006 (Classic).

