



**40383 REL 100-I, COR: Religion as Pharmakon: Poison or Cure 3 credits**

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**Prof. G. Shaw**

For the ancient Greeks *pharmakon* meant both cure and poison depending on the context. Religion functions in the same way: it can heal us but can also poison us. We will explore the ambiguity and the power-both healing and destructive-of religious traditions.

Only open to students that have not completed the Religious Studies Cornerstone requirement.

**40385 REL 100-K, COR: From Cloister to CrossFit: Religion in Medieval and Modern Worlds 3 credits**

**40737 REL 100-M, COR: From Cloister to CrossFit: Religion in Medieval and Modern Worlds 3 credits**

**40738 REL 100-N, COR: From Cloister to CrossFit: Religion in Medieval and Modern Worlds 3 credits**

**Prof. C. Tichelkamp**

What makes a medieval monastery different from a modern-day brewery or gym? What is religion? What is secularism? This course covers medieval and modern religions through critical reading of texts, films, and artwork drawn primarily from Christianity, but also neighboring traditions (Judaism, indigenous religions) and modern movements (science, nation-building).

**40374 REL 112-A, FYS: Saints and Sinners in Church History 4 credits (First-Year Seminar)**

**Prof. R. Gribble, CSC**

Saints and sinners, much like victors and vanquished in war, are often determined by those who triumph in Church conflicts. This course will address several Church controversies throughout the 2000 years of its history, review the issues and debates that arose through the reading of primary and secondary sources, and who in the end were considered victors, saints, and the vanquished, sinners, in Church history.

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