

## **NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY**

### **REL 235 - MAJOR RELIGIOUS THINKERS (3 CR.)**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Examines the works of one or more important people in religious thought. Lecture 3 hours per week.

#### **GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE**

To examine the major works of one important thinker (or perhaps several) who have contributed in a significant way to religious issues. To understand the ideas, issues, and themes that mold this person's thought. To examine the historical and philosophical implications of these ideas.

#### **ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS**

None

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

At the completion of this course, students will be able to identify and discuss the important themes, ideas, and issues found in the writings of the selected thinker. Students will have some understanding of the historical situation in which the person wrote and some idea of the significance of the ideas expressed. More specific expectations will be determined in connection with the selection of the specific thinker.

#### **MAJOR ELEMENTS OF CONTENT**

The specific topics will be further defined by the instructor of the course but must include the examination of the major works of an important religious thinker. Possible topics might include Martin Luther, Thomas Aquinas, Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, Moses, Karl Barth, process theologians, Paul Tillich, Martin Buber, Gabriel Marcel, and Thomas Merton.

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