

Religious Studies 1A:

# PILGRIMAGE

Spring Quarter 2008



Come join us in a journey that will explore the meaning of religion through one of the most moving religious experiences: pilgrimage. In the first part of the course, we will start with thinking about what religion is, then move on to methods in the study of religion, ask ourselves what pilgrimage is all about, ponder such intriguing questions as civil religion and tackle seemingly secular pilgrimages that involve Star Trek and motorcycles. The second part is devoted to the study of pilgrimage in Hindu and Buddhist traditions while the third part will focus on pilgrimage in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In short, we will introduce you to methods in comparative religion, focusing on the theme of pilgrimage in a variety of religious and seemingly secular traditions. There will be three written assignments geared to creatively evaluate your understanding of religion and pilgrimage in different traditions, including “secular” ones. **(GE Credit: Arts & Humanities, Diversity, & Writing)**

## LECTURE

**MWF 1:10-2:00**

**Sec. 1, 93183 (W 4:10-5:00)**

**Sec. 2, 93184 (W 5:10-6:00)**

**Sec. 3, 93187 (R 4:10-5:00)**

**Sec. 4, 93189 (R 5:10-6:00)**

**Sec. 5, 93190 (M 9:00-9:50)**

**Sec. 6, 93191 (T 3:10-4:00)**

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