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CORE CORRECTION..

GEOL 208 should be listed as Natural Science core rather than Social Science core.

NEW COURSES

This course is designed to facilitate treatment of topics across disciplinary boundaries. Topics will vary from year to year. Course, but not topics,

may be repeated for credit.

This course investigates the relationship between sports and religion in multiple religious traditions. We will explore muscular Christianity in the late nineteenth century, muscular Judaism in the early twentieth century, sacred wrestling in India, Catholic women's basketball, and contemporary controversies regarding gender and sexuality. In each of these cases we will look at historical and cultural factors that bring religion and sport together. In general, we will treat sport as a project in masculinity and examine the conditions that make masculinity desirable in religious contexts. Spring of even years (beginning Spring 2012).

The central claim of this course is that technology affects understandings of community and identity. As anthropologists, we will investigate online religious communities in order to learn how religious practices and beliefs function in virtual spaces. By the end of the semester, students will be able to analyze and explain online religious practices as well as analyze and explain their own roles as anthropologists of online religion. Spring of even years (beginning Spring 2012).

