Fall 2020 CCE options

**HIST 235 “India and its World” taught by Doug Howard**

This course surveys the political, economic, and cultural history of South Asia, including what are today the nations of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. This region saw the emergence of one of the earliest of human civilizations, which has been in continuous development from ancient times. This course sets this history of India within the context of world history. The main theme is the central role played by India, first, in the emergence and development of the “Afro-Eurasian Oecumene” (Marshall Hodgson’s phrase) during the agrarian age, and subsequently, in the global world system that has replaced the Afro-Eurasian oecumene in modern times. Interwoven with this theme is another. Emphasizing India as a place where several major world religious traditions were born or evolved, the course studies what India and its world have to offer for intercultural understanding and interfaith relations. This course fulfills the CCE requirement.

**IDIS 290 “Black Lives Matter” taught by Eric Washington**

Black Lives Matter is a Cross-Cultural Experience course that engages the writing of Black writers historically and in contemporary times. In reading and discussing these texts, we will discuss the value and meaning of Black Life.

**IDIS 290 “Muslim Neighbors and Christian Hospitality” taught by Frans van Liere and Penny Dykstra-Pruim**

Build knowledge and awareness of our Muslim Neighbors through exploring Islam as a religion, elements of Islamic cultures, worship practices, and our local Muslim communities. Learning about cultural identities and Christian hospitality lays a groundwork for approaching this learning opportunity. Expectations include engagement with selected chapters or short texts, guest speakers, in-class discussions, a visit to a mosque, and direct engagement with some of our Muslim neighbors. This course is designated CCE-integral. 1-credit. Pass/fail