

# RELI 165: Introduction to Mysticism



Although it became renowned as a branch of New Age spirituality when Madonna took a break from her pop star career to study under Hindu masters in India, mysticism has historically played an important role in religious experience for many members of institutional religions. In this course, we will consider mysticism in Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism, particularly the ways in which mystical texts reflect and challenge normative spirituality. We will study guides to the mystical journey, visionary experiences, love poetry and eroticism, and art forms from mandalas to dance.

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**Meeting Days**  
1:15PM-4:30PM

**General Education**  
**Requirements:**  
**HS, WB**

