

## **Independent Study Project Outline: Hindu Mythology**

1. Course Description- In this class students will study Hindu mythology in more depth than in REL 202. This course is for students who have already completed REL 202: Understanding Indian Religions.
2. Course Objective- to study the Vedic, Vaishnava, Shaiva, and Shakti mythology from ancient times through the modern period and its influence on Indian culture.
3. Required Activities/ Method of Instruction- Requirements include meeting with the instructor once a week, completing the readings, keeping a journal of questions and comments, and completing a research paper. Method of instruction includes meeting to discuss the readings, to have the instructor answer questions, and to receive feedback on research paper drafts.
4. Textbook/ Resource Materials- *Ka: Stories of the Mind and Gods of India* by Roberto Calasso and handouts
5. Method of Grading- Students receive an A-F letter grade by participating in reading discussions, writing in a journal, and completing the research paper. A schedule of readings and due dates will be given to students at the first meeting as well as a rubric and guidelines for the research paper.