Wichita State University will be offering a 0.5 credit religion course entitled:

**REL 380F**  
Religion (CRN: 26388)  
Archaeology and the Bible

Rannfrid Thelle, PhD, Senior Fairmount Lecturer, Department of Religion, Wichita State University will be the instructor.

Class size is limited to 50 participants.

Per Kansas Board of Regents’ policy, students who are 60 years of age or older may enroll as auditors (non-credit) in many academic credit courses in which space is available and for which they have the prerequisites without paying tuition. If you have NOT previously been admitted to WSU, we will collect a $30.00 application fee on the first day of class.

**Class location:**  
The Regent  
2050 N. Webb Rd.  
Wichita, KS 67206

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
**Class Dates and Topics:**

Feb. 2: The “Discovery” of Mesopotamia and the Babel-Bible Controversy  
Feb. 9: Archaeology and the Ancient Israelites  
Feb. 16: Archaeology and the First Christians  
Feb. 23: Contemporary Issues in Archaeology and the Bible

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How does archaeology contribute to understanding ancient Israel and the early Christian movement? We will look at excavations in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Iraq and other countries. We will explore the discoveries of ancient texts, such as the Gilgamesh epic and the Dead Sea Scrolls, and their relevance for the study of the Bible. Throughout, we will discuss how archaeological discovery and Biblical studies have influenced each other.

Applications may be picked up at The Regent business office or by contacting:

Office for Workforce, Professional and Community Education
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount St., Campus Box 136
Wichita, KS 67260-0136
Email: conference.office@wichita.edu
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Objectives:

Students will:
1. Identify the main developments within archaeology and its relation to biblical studies.
2. Explain ways in which the motivations of archaeologists were influenced by their own views of the Bible and biblical history, and that issues in their own time periods also play into the methods and results of archaeological exploration.
3. Explain ways in which archaeological remains have contributed to knowledge about biblical history.
4. Discuss the challenges and questions raised by archaeology in relation to biblical studies in our own time.

Assignment and definition of a credit hour:

Success in this 0.5 credit hour course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 7.5 hours over the length of the course in direct instruction as provided by the instructor and an additional 15 hours outside of class reading, reflecting, and evaluating the topics for a total of 22.5 hours.

Evaluation:

100% -- discussion, reflection and attendance

Grading Scale:

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

The deadline for enrolling is Friday, February 5, 2016.