Religious Studies (RELS)

Courses

RELS 420. Advanced Studies in Jewish Religion. 3 or 4 hours.
In-depth study of a period or mode of Jewish religious development or
textual production, or an examination of a religious tenet or practice
across various historical periods. Topics will vary. Course Information:
Same as JST 420. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be
repeated up to 1 time(s) if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): JST 101; and JST
230 or JST 242 or JST 254.

RELS 422. Studies in Medieval Philosophy. 4 hours.
Study of selected philosophers such as Boethius, Avicenna, Aquinas,
William Ockham, and selected issues such as the relationship between
faith and reason, the nature of reason, the nature of human cognition,
the nature of morality. Course Information: Same as PHIL 422. 3
undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics or
figures vary. Approval to repeat course granted by the department.
Prerequisite(s): One non-logic 200-level philosophy course; or consent
of the instructor. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered,
students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture.

RELS 430. Advanced Studies in Jewish Thought. 3 or 4 hours.
Advanced topics in Jewish theology, philosophy, ethics or political
thought. Course Information: Same as JST 430. 3 undergraduate hours.
4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): One
100-level and one 200-level course in Jewish Studies.

RELS 441. Topics in Philosophy of Religion. 3 or 4 hours.
Intensive study of one or more selected topics concerning the
philosophical aspects of basic religious beliefs and concepts. Course
Information: Same as PHIL 441. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate
hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Approval to repeat course granted
by the department. Prerequisite(s): One non-logic 200-level course in
philosophy; or consent of the instructor.

RELS 446. Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Religion. 3 or 4
hours.
Religious institutions in the U.S. as a crucible for racial, ethnic, and
gender identities, group formation, and intergroup relations; major world
religions represented in the U.S. Course Information: Same as SOC 446.
3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 and
junior standing or above; or consent of instructor.

RELS 478. The Bible as Literature: Hebrew Bible. 3 or 4 hours.
Literary analysis of genres and themes of the Hebrew Bible and
close reading of the biblical texts. Sources of the Bible and their
historical context. Course Information: Same as ENGL 478, and JST
478. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Taught in English.
Recommended background: ENGL 240, ENGL 241, ENGL 242, or ENGL
243.

RELS 479. The Bible as Literature: New Testament. 3 or 4 hours.
Literary analysis of the New Testament and its historical and religious
contexts, focusing on the gospels and Pauline letters. Course
Information: Same as ENGL 479. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate
hours. Recommended background: ENGL 240, ENGL 241, ENGL 242, or
ENGL 243.

RELS 494. Topics in Jewish Studies. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in Jewish studies. Course Information: Same as JST
494. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a
maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): JST 101 or JST 102 or
consent of the instructor.

RELS 495. Topics in Religious History. 3 or 4 hours.
Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: Same as
HIST 495. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated.
Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s):
3 hours of history or consent of the instructor.