

# Religious Studies (RELS)

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## 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. 0-4 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 475. 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 475 and JST 475. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as RELS 478. Taught in English. Recommended background: Any of ENGL 175 or ENGL 207-209.

### **RELS 476. 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 476. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as RELS 479. Recommended background: Any of ENGL 175, 207-209, 475.

### **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.