Religious Studies (RELS)

Courses

RELS 402. Jewish-Christian Relations before the Modern Era. 3 or 4 hours.
Social and intellectual relationships between Jewish communities and
medieval Christendom, with attention to Jewish understandings of
diaspora and redemption; and the roles Jewish scholars played in the
rise of Christian humanism. Course Information: Same as JST 402. 3
undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended background: JST
102 or JST 103.

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 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 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. May be repeated for a maximum of 6
hours of credit if topic is different for each registration. Students may
register for more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): One 200-
level course in philosophy (except 210) 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.
Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in ENGL 240; and Grade of C or
better in ENGL 241 or Grade of C or better in ENGL 242 or Grade of C or
better in ENGL 243; or consent of the instructor.

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. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in ENGL 240; and Grade of C
or better in ENGL 241 or Grade of C or better in ENGL 242 or Grade of C
or better in ENGL 243; or consent of the instructor.

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.