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. 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.