REL - Religious Studies

RELIGIOUS STUDIES Courses

REL 311. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. 3 Credits.
The course will examine the several quests to uncover the historical reality behind Jesus of Nazareth in modern biblical-historical scholarship, including the work of scholars like Albert Schweitzer, Rudolph Bultmann, and the many contemporary inquirers. Students are expected to have some familiarity with the New Testament and/or early Christianity. Prerequisites: Junior standing and three semester hours in philosophy or permission of the instructor.

REL 312. New Testament. 3 Credits.

REL 333. Historical Jesus. 3 Credits.

REL 350. Judaism. 3 Credits.

REL 351. Christianity. 3 Credits.

REL 352. Islam. 3 Credits.

REL 395. Topics in Religious Studies. 3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit qualified students to work on subjects that, because of their specialized nature, may not be taught regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: 3 hours in PHIL or permission of the instructor.

REL 396. Topics in Religious Studies. 3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit qualified students to work on subjects that, because of their specialized nature, may not be taught regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: 3 hours in PHIL or permission of the instructor.

REL 400/500. Sacred Texts of Islam. 3 Credits.
The course will examine the Qur'an, the scripture of Islam, as well as other sacred texts such as the Hadith literature (sayings of Muhammad) and the Sira literature (accounts of Muhammad's life). This course will explore the role of these literatures in the faith, culture, and history of Islam. Our survey will include explorations of the history and reception of various texts, their literary and stylistic features, and various themes such as mystical, legal, modern, and feminist interpretations.

REL 405/505. Topics in Religious Studies. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit qualified students to work on subjects that, because of their specialized nature, may not be taught regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: 3 hours in PHIL or permission of the instructor.

REL 496/506. Topics in Religious Studies. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit qualified students to work on subjects that, because of their specialized nature, may not be taught regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: three hours of PHIL or REL or permission of the instructor.

REL 497/597. Tutorial Work in Religious Studies. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study of a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

REL 498/598. Tutorial Work in Religious Studies. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study of a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: permission of the instructor.

REL 500. Sacred Texts of Islam. 3 Credits.
The course will examine the Qur'an, the scripture of Islam, as well as other sacred texts such as the Hadith literature (sayings of Muhammad) and the Sira literature (accounts of Muhammad's life). This course will explore the role of these literatures in the faith, culture, and history of Islam. Our survey will include explorations of the history and reception of various texts, their literary and stylistic features, and various themes such as mystical, legal, modern, and feminist interpretations.

REL 595. Topics in Religious Studies. 3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit qualified students to work on subjects that, because of their specialized nature, may not be taught regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: 3 hours in PHIL or permission of the instructor.

REL 596. Topics in Religious Studies. 3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors.

REL 597. Tutorial Work in Religious Studies. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study of a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.

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Independent reading and study of a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.

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Independent reading and study of a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.

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Independent reading and study of a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.