

Religious Studies (RELS)

RELS 100. Introduction to Religion. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the ways religious concerns are expressed, to religious values as a basis for human action, and to a spectrum of ethical styles.

RELS 194. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.**RELS 196. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.****RELS 199. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.****RELS 210. Ethics. 3 Credits.**

Overview of different types of approaches to ethical dilemmas such as theistic ethics, naturalistic ethics, and situational ethics. Covers the ethical issues confronted in personal, public, and professional life. Cross-listed with PHIL 210.

RELS 220. Old Testament. 2 Credits.

Study of the religious, political, and social history of ancient Israel as reflected in the Hebrew Bible.

RELS 230. New Testament. 3 Credits.

Overview of the developments in the primitive Christian community as reflected in the New Testament.

RELS 243. Religion and Self. 3 Credits.

Psychological and ethical issues involved in growth to religious maturity. Attention to basic human activities such as love, faith, marriage, sexuality, death, and grief.

RELS 270. American Religious History. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the basic issues in American history including the study of Puritans, immigration, church and state, revivalism, civil and military religion, apocalypticism, and new age religion. Cross-listed with HIST 270.

RELS 291. Seminar. 1-5 Credits.**RELS 292. Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.****RELS 294. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.****RELS 299. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.****RELS 315. Contemporary Religion. 3 Credits.**

Study of how contemporary cultural developments require the rethinking of historic religious perspectives in such topics as natural science, political thought, psychology, history, and gender.

RELS 320. History of Christianity. 3 Credits.

Major developments in the Christian religion including scriptures, persecution, monasticism, papacy, Reformation, science and religion, and the ecumenical movement. Cross-listed with HIST 320.

RELS 379. Study Tour Abroad. 1-6 Credits.**RELS 394. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.****RELS 399. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.****RELS 401. Sociology of Religion. 3 Credits.**

See Sociology for description. {Also offered for graduate credit - see RELS 601.}.

RELS 453. Magic And Religion. 3 Credits.

Comparative religion, religious concepts, practices, and practitioners. In-depth study of selected religious systems with a focus on shamanic religions. Prereq: ANTH 111. Cross-listed with ANTH 453.

RELS 491. Seminar. 1-5 Credits.**RELS 492. Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.****RELS 494. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.****RELS 496. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.****RELS 499. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.****RELS 601. Sociology of Religion. 3 Credits.**

Study of religion viewed as a social institution with a characteristic history, ecology, structure, behavior, and purpose. Cross-listed with SOC 601. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see RELS 401.}.