Religious Studies (RLST)

RLST 104 - Introduction to the Bible. 3 Credits.
This course offers an introduction to the modern study of the Bible, including both the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and the New Testament. It assumes no prior knowledge of religion, the Bible, Judaism or Christianity. The goal of the course is to understand the Bible's literary structures and themes and its ancient historical contexts. It will approach the Bible from comparative, historical, literary, anthropological and archeological perspectives to illuminate the world of its authors.

RLST 191 - Special Topics. 1-9 Credits.
(R-9) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

RLST 198 - Internship. 1-6 Credits.
(R-6) Prereq., consent of faculty supervisor and the Internship Services office. Extended classroom experience which provides practical application of classroom learning during placements off campus. A maximum of 6 credits of Internship (198, 298, 398, 498) may count toward graduation.

RLST 204H - Intro to the Hebrew Bible. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the history, religion, and literature of ancient Israel and to modern methods in Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) studies. Includes an introduction to the history and religions of ancient West Asia.
Gen Ed Attributes: Historical & Cultural Studies

RLST 205L - Introduction to New Testament. 3 Credits.
This course offers an introduction to the modern study of the Bible, ancient history, religion, and literature of ancient West Asia.

RLST 206K - Jewish Religious Traditions I. 3 Credits.
A historical introduction to the development of Jewish thought and practice in the cultures of late antiquity and the medieval and modern periods.
Gen Ed Attributes: Lit & Artistic Studies (L)

RLST 207 - Jewish Religious Traditions II. 3 Credits.
A historical introduction to the development of Jewish thought and practice in the cultures of late antiquity and the medieval and modern periods.
Gen Ed Attributes: Political & Public Studies, Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

RLST 208 - Jewish Religious Traditions III. 3 Credits.
A historical introduction to the development of Jewish thought and practice in the cultures of late antiquity and the medieval and modern periods.
Gen Ed Attributes: Historical & Cultural Studies, Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

RLST 209 - Jewish Religious Traditions IV. 3 Credits.
A historical introduction to the development of Jewish thought and practice in the cultures of late antiquity and the medieval and modern periods.
Gen Ed Attributes: Historical & Cultural Studies, Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

RLST 210 - Topics in Biblical Studies. 3 Credits.
(R-6) Selected topics in modern Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and New Testament studies. Focus on history, literature, and religions of ancient West Asia, the Mediterranean and North Africa. Topics vary from year to year and include: Israelite religion; prophets and prophecy; biblical history and historiography; ancient Gospels; the letters and communities of Paul; early biblical interpretation; archaeology and iconography of ancient religions; religion and politics in the Bible.

RLST 220A - Judaism & Christianity. 3 Credits.
Selected studies in the intellectual history of western religions, alternating between studies of periods and seminal thinkers. Emphasis will be on the ancient and medieval periods.

RLST 230A - Christianity. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the historical development of Christian thought and practice in the cultures of late antiquity and the medieval and modern periods.
Gen Ed Attributes: Lit & Artistic Studies (L)

RLST 230 - Anct Judaism & Early Christnty. 3 Credits.
Survey of the history and literature of ancient Judaism and early Christianity. Topics include: the emergence of Judaism and Christianity in the Persian, Greek, and Roman empires; religions of ancient West Asia and the Mediterranean; stories of Jewish and Christian origins; the historical Jesus; the early rabbinic movement; the Dead Sea Scrolls; Paul between Judaism and Christianity.

RLST 231 - Medieval Christianity. 3 Credits.
Selected studies in the intellectual history of western religions, alternating between studies of periods and seminal thinkers. Emphasis will be on the late medieval and early modern periods.

RLST 233A - Western Religious Thought I. 3 Credits.
Selected studies in the intellectual history of western religions, alternating between studies of periods and seminal thinkers. Emphasis will be on the ancient and medieval periods.

RLST 233B - Western Religious Thought II. 3 Credits.
Selected studies in the intellectual history of western religions, alternating between studies of periods and seminal thinkers. Emphasis will be on the medieval and modern periods.

RLST 234X - Hindu Religious Traditions. 3 Credits.
Same as SSEA and LS 365. Critical exploration of selected aspects of Hindu thought, narrative and practice, both in contemporary and historical perspective. Focus primarily on India, but with consideration of Hinduism's transformation and impact beyond South Asia.
Gen Ed Attributes: Historical & Cultural Studies, Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

RLST 235 - Topics in South Asia Religions. 3 Credits.
(R-6) Survey of the history and culture of a unique civilization that has influenced greatly the cultures of Himalayan, East, and South Asia. Special attention will be given to Tibetan religions, but these will be explored within the context of the society's political, social, economic, and other cultural developments.

RLST 236 - Tibetan Civilization. 3 Credits.
An exploration of the history and culture of a unique civilization that has influenced greatly the cultures of Himalayan, East, and South Asia. Special attention will be given to Tibetan religions, but these will be explored within the context of the society's political, social, economic, and other cultural developments.

RLST 238X - Japanese Religions. 3 Credits.
Offered at least once every two years. An introductory exploration of Japan's unique religious synthesis of Buddhist, Shinto, Taoist, Confucian and folk/shamanistic traditions.
Gen Ed Attributes: Historical & Cultural Studies, Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

RLST 239 - Japanese Religions. 3 Credits.
An examination of central theological teachings and modes of ethical reasoning of major religious traditions with models from the East and West.
Gen Ed Attributes: Ethical & Human Values Course

RLST 291 - Special Topics. 1-9 Credits.
(R-9) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.
RLST 370 - Mysticism. 3 Credits.
(R-6) An inquiry into the literature and interpretation of mysticism in the major religious traditions. Each offering will focus on a specific tradition or period.

RLST 376 - Contemporary Religious Thought. 3 Credits.
(R-6) Study of selected major critical and constructive proposals in modern religious thought in various traditions.

RLST 391 - Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
(R-12) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

RLST 392 - Independent Study. 1-6 Credits.
(R-6) Course material appropriate to the needs and objectives of the individual student.

RLST 491 - Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
(R-12) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

RLST 492 - Independent Study. 1-9 Credits.
(R-9) Prereq., consent of instr. Work on selected problems by individual students under direct faculty supervision.