RLST 101  Bible as Literature  credit: 3 hours.
Themes and literary genres in the Bible, emphasizing content important in Western culture. Same as CWL 111 and ENGL 114.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts

RLST 104  Asian Mythology  credit: 3 hours.
Introductory survey of the mythologies of India, China, and Japan. Same as ASST 104.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 106  Archaeology and the Bible  credit: 3 hours.
Examination of archaeological evidence, especially from Syria-Palestine, and discussion of its use in the interpretation of Biblical literature.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Advanced Composition

RLST 108  Religion & Society in West I  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to classic writers and texts in Western religious and social thought from antiquity to the Enlightenment, with emphasis on their social and historical contexts. Same as ANTH 108, PHIL 108, and SOC 108.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 109  Religion & Society in West II  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to classic writers and texts in Western religious and social thought from the Enlightenment to the present, with emphasis on their social and historical contexts. Same as ANTH 109, PHIL 109, and SOC 109.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 110  World Religions  credit: 3 hours.
Survey of the leading living religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; examination of basic texts and of philosophic theological elaborations of each religion. Same as PHIL 110. This course can be used to fulfill either Western or Nonwestern general education categories, but not both.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
RLST 111  **Elementary Greek I**  credit: 4 hours.
Same as GRK 101. See GRK 101.

RLST 112  **Elementary Greek II**  credit: 4 hours.
Same as GRK 102. See GRK 102.

RLST 115  **Language and Culture in India**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as LING 115. See LING 115.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures

RLST 116  **Faith & Self in Global Context**  credit: 3 hours.
Whether in fourth-century North African, tenth-century Japan, fourteenth-century Spain, or twentieth-century America, men and women have wrestled with the question of who they are and how they are to relate to the world. Through autobiographic writings, by reading the words of women and men attempting to make sense of the world and their place in it, we hope to focus attention on the personal dimensions of faith and of cross cultural contact at the same time that we provide an introduction to the worlds' major religions.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 120  **A History of Judaism**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the social, political, economic, and intellectual history of the Jews from Abraham to the present-day, with particular attention to Jewish thought and society. Same as HIST 168.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Advanced Composition

RLST 121  **Introduction to Christianity**  credit: 3 hours.
Typological and historical approaches to major forms of Christianity: Eastern Orthodoxy, Catholicism, and Protestantism.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 122  **History East Asian Religions**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as EALC 122. See EALC 122.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 127  **Introduction to Catholicism**  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to the academic study of Catholicism in its historical, philosophical and religious dimensions with an emphasis on its historical diversity.
RLST 130 **Jewish Customs and Ceremonies** credit: 3 hours.
The major festivals and life-cycle rituals of Judaism; focuses on sacred time, interaction of external and internal factors producing change and conservatism, relationship of ritual and theology, and the thematic development inherent in the rituals.

RLST 132 **Zen** credit: 3 hours.
Introduces the history, teachings, and practice of Zen Buddhism in China and Japan. Same as EALC 132.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 140 **Native Religious Traditions** credit: 3 hours.
Same as AIS 140. See AIS 140.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

RLST 160 **Ancient Greek & Roman Religion** credit: 3 hours.
Same as CLCV 160. See CLCV 160.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 170 **Nature Religion** credit: 3 hours.
Introductory survey of religious traditions that locate sacred realities in the natural world, and of ecological traditions that attribute spiritual significance to nature. Same as ESE 170.

RLST 191 **Freshman Honors Tutorial** credit: 1 TO 3 hours.
Study of selected topics on an individually arranged basis. Open only to honors majors or to Cohn Scholars and Associates. May be repeated one time. Prerequisite: Consent of departmental honors advisor.

RLST 199 **Undergraduate Open Seminar** credit: 0 TO 5 hours.
May be repeated.

RLST 200 **Classical & Koine Greek I** credit: 4 hours.
Same as GRK 201. See GRK 201.

RLST 201 **Hebrew Bible in English** credit: 3 hours.
Analyzes the critical issues in the interpretation of the literature of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; surveys the history and religion of Ancient Israel with special reference to Israel's setting in the ancient Near East. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 202 **New Testament in English** credit: 3 hours.
Analyzes the literature of the New Testament in its social and religious setting, with special reference to the ministry and teaching of Jesus, the emergence of the church as a sect within ancient Judaism, and the development of Christian institutions in the Graeco-Roman world. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

RLST 203  **History of the Bible**  credit: 3 hours.
Broad historical survey of the formation and impact of Christian and Jewish Bibles through the centuries. Designed to give students an academic setting for investigating the complex (and ongoing) history of the Bible. Two guiding questions will be: How have historical developments informed different versions of the Bible: How have versions of the Bible informed cultural and political developments? Same as HIST 291.

RLST 204  **Classical & Koine Greek II**  credit: 4 hours.
Same as GRK 202. See GRK 202.

RLST 205  **Intensive Biblical Hebrew**  credit: 5 hours.
Acquisition of reading knowledge of biblical Hebrew and a familiarity with all major aspects of biblical Hebrew grammar. Same as HEBR 205.

RLST 213  **Intro to Islam - ACP**  credit: 4 hours.
Course is identical to RLST 214 except for the additional writing component. See RLST 214. Same as SAME 213. Credit is not given for both RLST 213 and RLST 214. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Advanced Composition

RLST 214  **Introduction to Islam**  credit: 3 hours.
History of Islamic thought from the time of Muhammad to the present, including the prophethood of Muhammad, the Qur’an, theology and law, mysticism and philosophy, sectarian movements, modernism and legal reform, and contemporary resurgence. Same as SAME 214. Credit is not given for both RLST 213 and RLST 214.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 220  **Jewish Storytelling**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as CWL 221, ENGL 223, and YDSH 220. See YDSH 220.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts
UIUC: Western Compartment Cult

RLST 221  **American Judaism**  credit: 3 hours.
Forms of Judaism in America: Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Orthodox, and Hasidic Judaism; the American rabbi; Zionism in America; American Jewish communal life; national Jewish organizations; the American synagogue; and the secular Jew. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Advanced Composition
RLST 223  **The Qur'an (Koran)**  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to the Qur'an (Koran), the holy scripture of Islam, examining its major doctrines, thematic development, literary style, and its relationship to pre-Qur'anic, especially Biblical, traditions. Special attention is given to various methods Muslims have used to interpret the Qur'an. Same as CWL 223, SAME 223. Prerequisite: RLST 213 or RLST 214.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Literature and the Arts

RLST 224  **Chinese Thght Confucius to Mao**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as EALC 222, and HIST 222. See HIST 222.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 229  **Religion and Society**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as SOC 229. See SOC 229.

RLST 230  **Philosophy of Religion Intro**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as PHIL 230. See PHIL 230.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 231  **Religion and Philosophy**  credit: 3 hours.
Introduces students to philosophical and theological perspectives and methodologies by focusing on one or two key thinkers, books, or topics. Study and critical assessment will attend to the larger historical context. Same as PHIL 231.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 232  **Ancient Greek Sanctuaries**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as ARTH 218, and CLCV 232. See CLCV 232.

RLST 235  **History of Religion in America**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the religious history of the lands that have become the United States and the people who have become known as Americans through texts written by and about people of all races and creeds. From the precontact era through the twentieth century, this course emphasizes the diversity of American religion, the discord caused by and present in American religion, and the many instances of dialogue that have been a part of America's religious history. Same as HIST 289.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 236  **Religion, Violence & America**  credit: 3 hours.
Examination of the interactions among religion, violence, and American culture from the colonial period to the twenty-first century. Using a wide range of primary and secondary texts, students will study the perspectives of the perpetrators and victims of religiously motivated and/or religiously justified violence, both in domestic and international affairs. Same as HIST 290.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult
RLST 242  **Holocaust Religious Response**  credit: 3 hours.
The theoretical foundation for ideas of national and racial superiority which attended the holocaust and responses to this phenomenon by major Jewish and Christian thinkers, including Rubenstein, Buber, Fackenheim, Berkowits, Reuther, and Wiesel.

RLST 251  **Viking Mythology**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as CWL 251, MDVL 251, and SCAN 251. See SCAN 251.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 258  **Muslims in America**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as AAS 258 and LLS 258. See AAS 258.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC Social Sciences
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

RLST 260  **Mystics and Saints in Islam**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines mystical concepts and practices in Islam through the ages, through the lives and writings of important mystics and Sufi holy men and women, as well as the integration of mysticism and the Sufi Orders into Muslim society and Islamic orthodoxy. Same as SAME 260. No knowledge of Islam or foreign language is required.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Literature and the Arts

RLST 269  **Jewish History Since 1700**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as HIST 269. See HIST 269.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 270  **Religion, Ethics, Environment**  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to various religious and philosophical perspectives on environmental ethics. Asks whether the religious traditions can provide us with any resources that can help us to deal with contemporary environmental problems. Religious and philosophical perspectives on these topics will be central to the course: attitudes to individual animals, to other species, and in general to non-human nature; the place of human beings in nature; the relative importance of human development and environmental protection; relations between rich and poor; whether we might need to change our conception of what it is to live successfully; and the concepts of stewardship and sustainability.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 275  **The World of Jewish Sepharad**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as ANTh 275 and HIST 267. See ANTh 275.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
RLST 283  **Jewish Sacred Literature**  credit: 3 hours.
Literary study of the major post-biblical sacred texts of Judaism; includes readings in translation from Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmudim, midrashim, piyyutim, and mystical treatises. Emphasizes nature, history, function, and development of literary patterns and forms and the relationships between form and content in these texts. Same as CWL 283, and ENGL 283.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts

RLST 284  **Modern Jewish Literature**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as CWL 284 and ENGL 284. See ENGL 284.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts

RLST 286  **Introduction to Hinduism**  credit: 3 hours.
Elements of Hindu thought and practice; selected topics presented in historical order and in the context of Indian cultural history (including the present).

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 287  **Introduction to Buddhism**  credit: 3 hours.
Thematic approach to the history of Buddhism from its origin in India to its spread throughout China and Japan; explores how the doctrinal and social development of Buddhism in East Asia is related to the process of cultural adaptation. Same as EALC 287.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Non-Western Cultures
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect

RLST 291  **Hinduism in the United States**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as AAS 291. See AAS 291.

RLST 320  **Lit Responses to the Holocaust**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as CWL 320, ENGL 359, and YDSH 320. See YDSH 320.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

RLST 335  **Religion in Contemp America**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the religious dynamics of the twenty-first century United States. Tasks will be to map the religious landscape of contemporary America, to learn something of the history of the many traditions being practiced and lived in our communities, and then to study a series of salient issues involving people of faith; the emergence of new religions, expressions of religious intolerance, religion and politics, race and religion, and religious interpretations of economics and the market.

RLST 340  **Love & Sex in Hebrew Lit**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as CWL 341, JS 341, SAME 341. See CWL 341.
RLST 341  **Native People and Christianity**  credit: 3 hours.

An interdisciplinary survey of the native religious experience, focusing on the native encounter with Christianity. Charts the cultural context for native religious history and explores native religious diversity in the contemporary period, particularly the relationship between tribal and Christian traditions in reservation and urban communities. Class discussions address the broader theoretical and practical questions raised by the intersections of religion, culture, and politics in a diverse and conflicted world, and are supplemented by audiovisual materials and guest speakers. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

RLST 343  **Islamic Philosophy**  credit: 3 hours.

Survey of major developments within Islamic philosophy from the early classical to the early modern period. Focuses on the ideas and figures that have shaped Islamic philosophy through the centuries, as well as the contexts in which those ideas were produced. Topics covered include the transmission of Greek philosophy into Arabic, Islamic Peripatetic philosophy, Illuminationism, Shi'ite philosophy, and philosophical Sufism, including the great synthesis of Mulla Sadra.

RLST 344  **Medieval Jewish Thought**  credit: 3 hours.

Study of the distinctive religious ideas, movements, and figures of Medieval Judaism [500 CE-1700 CE]. Topics include theology, philosophy, Talmudic and Biblical exegesis, mysticism, Jewish-Christian polemics, and law. Emphasis will be placed not only on content and form, but also on historical and social context. Same as MDVL 344.

RLST 345  **Medieval Civilization**  credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 345, and MDVL 345. See HIST 345.

RLST 346  **The Age of the Renaissance**  credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 346 and MDVL 346. See HIST 346.

RLST 347  **Protestant & Catholic Refs**  credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 347. See HIST 347.

RLST 350  **South Asian Goddesses**  credit: 3 hours.

Introduction to the most well-known Hindu goddesses, at both the pan-Hindu and local level, and explores their mythical narratives, associated powers, iconography, and rituals of worship. Presents different methodological approaches scholars employ in the interpretation of goddess worship in South Asia and abroad. Materials are drawn from textual, historical sources as well as contemporary ethnographic research, and seek to include representative figures from different regions throughout India and the Himalayan region. Same as CWL 350 and SAME 350.

RLST 369  **Spirituality and Experience**  credit: 3 hours.

Same as ARTH 369, CWL 369, HIST 344, and MDVL 369. See ARTH 369.

RLST 390  **Independent Study**  credit: 2 TO 6 hours.

Special topics not treated in regularly scheduled courses; designed primarily for upperclassmen. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study; consent of staff member supervising the work.

RLST 403  **Women in Muslim Societies**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Examination of gender ideologies and social realities affecting the lives of women in various Muslim countries. Same as ANTH 403, GLBL 403, GWS 403, HIST 434, and SAME 403. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: A course in Islam or the Middle East, or consent of instructor.

RLST 408  Islam & Politics in Mid. East  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Examines the role of Islam in contemporary politics, the contemporary resurgence of Islam, and the articulation of Islamic approaches to the new economic order, nationalism, and the changing role of women. Same as PS 408 and SAME 408. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

RLST 409  Transnational Islam, Europe-US  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as ANTH 402 and ASST 402. See ANTH 402.

RLST 410  Islam in Egypt  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
A study abroad course in Egypt, to acquaint students with the rich diversity of Islamic religious life and interpretation in Egypt today. Students learn about Egyptian history and culture, visit Cairo's major Islamic monuments, witness Sufi rituals and popular celebrations, visit Islamic charitable organizations, and meet a wide variety of Egyptians, including scholars, religious teachers, students, and social activists of various types and persuasions. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Previous coursework in Islam or the Middle East, or consent of instructor.

RLST 412  Readings in Sanskrit I  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as SNSK 403. See SNSK 403.

RLST 413  Readings in Sanskrit II  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as SNSK 404. See SNSK 404.

RLST 414  Advanced Biblical Hebrew  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
In-depth study of the grammar and syntax of selected texts from the Hebrew Bible. Texts to be studied will change from year to year. Selections will cover the full range of biblical genres and styles, including prophecy, law, historical narrative, psalms, and wisdom literature. Same as HEBR 414. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours in separate terms. Prerequisite: RLST 205, or demonstrated proficiency at the 205 level.

RLST 415  Intro Readings of the Talmud  credit: 3 hours.
Introduces students to the rhetoric, vocabulary, grammar, and argumentation of the Babylonian Talmud. The students will read, translate, and analyze portions of the Babylonian Talmud daily in class. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Advanced knowledge of Hebrew, especially Hebrew grammar, and the consent of the instructor.

RLST 416  Readings in Rabbinic Midrash  credit: 3 hours.
Introduces students to the rhetoric, vocabulary, grammar, and argumentation of the Rabbinic Midrashic Collections, especially Mekhilta, Sifre Deuteronomy, and Bereshit Rabbah. The students will read, translate, and analyze portions of these collections daily in class. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Advanced knowledge of Hebrew, especially Hebrew grammar, and the consent of the instructor.

RLST 420  Jewish Life-Writing  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as CWL 421, HIST 436, SLAV 420, and YDSH 420. See YDSH 420.
RLST 424  **Philosophy of Religion**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as PHIL 424. See PHIL 424.

RLST 434  **History of Jews in Diaspora**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as HIST 433. See HIST 433.

RLST 435  **Revivalism and Evangelicalism**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Examination of the history of revivalistic and evangelical Christianities in North America from the colonial period to the twenty-first century. A combination of primary texts and scholarly studies will focus on religious, social, and political legacies, and the current shape of evangelical Christianity in America. Same as HIST 486. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

RLST 436  **Religion in America: 1900-1941**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
An exploration of the religious lives and thoughts of Americans in the first four decades of the twentieth century and the many overlapping issues confronting American society and American religion during that time. Focuses on four themes: debates over the meaning of modernity, understandings of the relationship between religion and society, the gendering of faith, and the relationship between religion and American identity. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: RLST 235 or RLST 236.

RLST 440  **Early Christian Thought**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Study of major developments in early Christian thought (first four centuries) through discussion of primary texts in translation. Same as MDVL 440. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: RLST 121 or RLST 202, or consent of instructor.

RLST 442  **History of Early Judaism**  credit: 3 hours.
The history of Judaism from Ezra to the rise of Islam: Hellenism and Judaism, varieties of Judaism, Palestinian Judaism and its documents, Babylonian Judaism, the rabbis, and popular Jewish culture. Same as HIST 432. Prerequisite: Credit in one course in religious studies at the 200-, 300-, or 400-level, or consent of instructor.

RLST 443  **Ancient Near Eastern Cultures**  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the literature and religious practice of the great civilizations of the Near East, particularly the Sumerian, Assyro-Babylonian, Egyptian, Canaanite and Hittite cultures. Prerequisite: RLST 201 or equivalent.

RLST 447  **Modern Catholic Thought**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Traces the history of Catholicism in its interaction with the modern world from the sixteenth century to the present, concentrating on the uneasy relationships that Catholicism has sustained with the modern world. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: RLST 127 or consent of instructor.

RLST 451  **Postmodern Religious Thought**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Examination of postmodern religious themes, including the death of God, the critique of ontotheology, "crure," the Face of the Other, and messianicity. Authors to be studied will include Søren Kierkegaard, Martin Heidegger, Franz Rosenzweig, Emmanuel Levinas, and Jacques Derrida, with attention to how their thought deconstructs the traditional boundaries between reason and faith. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: At least one course beyond the 100 level in Philosophy or Religion.

RLST 458  **Christians and Jews 1099-1789**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Examines the complex relations between Christians and Jews in Europe from the high Middle Ages through the Enlightenment. Among our topics are the religious and social roots of medieval persecutions of Jews; the history of Jewish banishments; construction of myths to foment hostilities; Renaissance humanism (especially the Christian absorption of Jewish scholarship); the impact of the
Christian reform movements, both Protestant and Catholic, on the status of Jews; mercantilism and the re-admission of Jews; and the emergence of a discourse of religious tolerance in the Enlightenment. Same as HIST 458. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

RLST 463  **Religion and Society**  credit: 4 hours.
Same as ANTH 463. See ANTH 463.

RLST 464  **Modern Japanese Drama**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as CWL 462, EALC 464, and THEA 487. See EALC 464.

RLST 468  **Religions of Africa**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as AFST 468 and ANTH 468. See ANTH 468.

RLST 478  **19thC US Intel & Cultr Hist**  credit: 2 TO 4 hours.
Same as HIST 479. See HIST 479.

RLST 479  **20th Century US Culture Wars**  credit: 2 TO 4 hours.
Same as HIST 481. See HIST 481.

RLST 480  **Islamic Law**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Introduction to Islamic legal philosophy and the historical evolution of Islamic legal and jurisprudential system. Begins by studying the origins, nature, sources and interpretive methodologies of classical Islamic law, and the main institutions for upholding this law, the madhab, or school of law, examining its development from the formative to the post-formative periods and highlighting important controversies generated along the way. Then looks at the early encounter of Islamic law with modernity. Followed by an exploration of several contemporary topics that have served as catalysts for new tensions and alternative approaches and interpretive theories. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Previous coursework on Islam or consent of instructor.

RLST 481  **Muslim Ethics in Global Age**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Exploration of contemporary, often revisionist Muslim ideas on a broad range of ethical issues that face societies today, such as human rights, democracy, gender equality, just war, pluralism, and bioethics. Same as SAME 481. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Previous coursework on Islam or the Middle East.

RLST 482  **Muslim-Christian Interactions**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Explores the complexity of Muslim-Christian interactions since early Islam, including theological and philosophical exchanges, debates, polemics, interfaith dialogue, perceptions of each other, Muslim minorities in the West, and Christian minorities in the Muslim world, and the relationship of religion to culture. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

RLST 483  **Salvation in Islamic Thought**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Introduction to salvation in Islamic thought, with emphasis on discussions of the fate of “Others” (i.e. non-Muslims). Begins with a study of the origins and sources of this discourse, followed by an examination of evolving orientations from the formative to the post-formative periods. Important controversies generated along the way, including exclusivist-inclusivist, universalist-anti-universalist, and Sufi-anti-Sufi debates, will be explored. This is followed by an assessment of the new approaches to salvation in modern Islamic thought, with particular emphasis on the contemporary pluralist-inclusivist debate. Finally, alternative approaches to the topic of salvation, including reincarnation, will be examined. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Previous coursework on Islam or consent of instructor.
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<td>4 hours</td>
<td>Explores the cultural, intellectual, and, in several key instances, political circumstances of the Bible in the Renaissance. Topics include the impact of print technology, the biblical philology of Renaissance humanism, the function of biblical studies in the reform movements (including the Catholic Reformation), the Renaissance Bible and doctrine, translations of the Bible, the politics of the English-language Bible, and the artistic presentation of the Bible.</td>
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<td>RLST 504</td>
<td>Genesis in History</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>Survey of Jewish and Christian cultural reception of Genesis in the ancient and medieval worlds. Examines techniques of exegesis and strategies of interpretation in the ancient world, such as allegory, narrative expansion, and retelling. Engages with foundational studies of modern scholarship on biblical reception. While focusing on the initial chapters of Genesis, we will also explore the appropriation of Abraham traditions and the Joseph story. Same as MDVL 504.</td>
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<td>RLST 510</td>
<td>Graduate Intro to Religion</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>Introduction for first semester graduate students to selected methods and techniques for conducting research in the area of Religious Studies. Students will receive general guidance on strategies for conducting bibliographic research and designing research projects.</td>
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Includes study of some currently salient issues and areas of inquiry in a number of disciplines pertaining to the study of religion. The course will be supervised by one professor and will offer a series of presentations on several methodologies and historical issues by experts in various fields.

RLST 511  Seminar in Study of Religion  credit: 4 hours.
Intensive study of select topics or issues in the study of religion. May be repeated in the same or separates terms as topics vary.

RLST 514  Islamic Theology  credit: 4 hours.
Study of the language, arguments and schools of classical Islamic theology, mainly through direct study of English translations of theological texts from two different theological schools. Same as SAME 514.

RLST 515  History of Jewish Theology  credit: 4 hours.
Study of Israelite and Jewish thought from the biblical to modern period. Particular attention will be paid to theological matters and to the historical, cultural and intellectual challenges that engendered a re-thinking and re-conceptualization of the Jewish faith.

RLST 535  Historiog of Religion in Amer  credit: 4 hours.
Immerses students in major works of recent American religious history. Written from multiple disciplinary perspectives and wrestling with the knotty problems in which religion has been interwoven, these books will give the student a solid foundation in American religious history. Same as HIST 574.

RLST 562  Religious Diversity  credit: 4 hours.
Intensive study of philosophical and theological responses to the phenomenon of religious diversity. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in one of the relevant fields, or consent of instructor.

RLST 564  Global Religion and Politics  credit: 4 hours.
Same as SOC 564 and SAME 564. See SOC 564.

RLST 566  Mahayana Buddhism  credit: 4 hours.
An investigation of Buddhist core notions as conceived from the point of view of the three Major Mahayana traditions with an examination of the ways in which these Mahayana traditions are presented in modern and early modern scholarship. At stake is the fundamental hermeneutic issue of the ways in which the "moderns" look at pre-modern thought, that is, the questions of the historical situatedness of thought. Prerequisite: At least one previous course in Buddhism or consent of instructor.

RLST 568  Popular Religion in East Asia  credit: 4 hours.
Study of the history of East Asian religions through primary and secondary sources primarily focusing on Buddhism and indigenous faiths. Students will gain an understanding of the social and historical character of popular religion through East Asia. Same as EALC 567. Prerequisites: Graduate Students majoring in East Asian religions must be prepared to read some primary sources written in the original language; graduate students in the other majors are not required to read in the original language. Class Scheduled Information: Graduate Students.

RLST 590  Independent Study  credit: 2 TO 6 hours.
Special topics not treated in regularly scheduled courses; for graduates. 2 to 6 graduate hours. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Evidence of adequate preparation for such study and consent of staff member supervising the work.

RLST 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 TO 16 hours.
Researching and writing a thesis in consultation with a faculty adviser. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated. The M.A. program in Religious Studies allows students to receive a maximum of 8 hours for the M.A.