

# RELIGION

## RELIGION (RELS)

- RELS 120 Religion in America** **Fall** **3 credits**  
An introduction to the rich variety of religious expressions in the United States. Mainline Christians, lesser known groups, and some Eastern religions will be visited by lecture, reading and guest speakers.
- RELS 201 Life and Letters of Paul** **Spring** **3 credits**  
This course develops a deeper understanding and a heightened appreciation for Paul, the infamous persecutor of Christians, who eventually became the first great Christian missionary, and whose writings were canonized as a major portion of the New Testament.
- RELS 203 World Religions** **F&S** **3 credits**  
An introduction to the origin and major tenants of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam by lecture, reading, discussion and video.
- RELS 220 Old Testament** **Fall** **3 credits**  
A study of the religious, political, and social history of ancient Israel as reflected in the Hebrew Bible. The focus is from Abraham to Jesus.
- RELS 230 New Testament** **Spring** **3 credits**  
A study of the New Testament and other writings that came into being between 50 and 150 C.E. This includes the canonical gospels, history, epistles and apocalypse, along with several other gospels and epistles that did not make it into the accepted 27. Texts are analyzed by using contemporary literal-historical, redactional, comparative, and thematic methods.
- RELS 294 Independent Study** **1-3 credits**  
Independent or directed study of special topics in religion. Department chairperson approval is required.
- RELS 299 Special Topics** **BD** **1-3 credits**  
Repeatable up to six semester hours. An examination of special topics in religion.
- RELS 195-295 Service Learning** **1-3 credits**  
Maximum of six semester hours. Service learning may be accomplished by one of three methods: Joining a club that has a public service component, doing volunteer work at a non-profit organization, or taking a course that links public service with its curriculum.
- RELS 197-297 Cooperative Education/Internship** **F&S SM** **1-3 credit hours each**  
Repeatable up to a maximum of six hours. Work hours are arranged by employer, adviser and student. Progress is checked by oral and written reports from the employer. Periodic student-adviser conferences are required to discuss progress or problems. Students are required to submit an accounting of their experiences to their instructor. All co-op experiences are based on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Department chair approval is required.