Religious Studies
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General Information
The department offers advanced coursework in religious studies
which may be used toward fulfilling advanced degree requirements in
Interdisciplinary Studies and in other departments with the approval
of the student's graduate adviser.

Courses (REL S)
Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate
Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system,
unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

NOTE: Courses for Area (A) Texts; or Area (B) Traditions; or
Area (C) Theories and Methods; or Area (D) Critical Issues in
Religion, are identified in the course title as (A), (B), (C), or (D).
REL S 507. The Reformation (A) (B) (C) (D) (3)
(Same course as History 507)
Continental Europe, 1500-1648. Split of Christendom; political and
intellectual dissent; social fabric of family life; relationship between
gender, class, and power; cultural stratification of European society.
REL S 580. Major Figure (A) (B) (C) (D) (3)
Prerequisite: Three units of religious studies.
Life, works, and significance of one major figure in a religious
tradition. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for
specific content. Maximum credit six units.
REL S 581. Major Theme (A) (B) (C) (D) (3)
Prerequisites: Three units of religious studies and upper division
or graduate standing.
Advanced systematic study of a theme or motif selected from
major religious traditions. May be repeated with new content. See
Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.
REL S 582. Major Text (A) (B) (C) (D) (1-3)
Prerequisites: Three units of religious studies and upper division
or graduate standing.
Advanced systematic study of a selected scripture or classic
text(s) selected from one of the major religious traditions. May be
repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.
REL S 583. Major Tradition (A) (B) (C) (D) (3)
Prerequisites: Three units of religious studies and upper division
or graduate standing.
Advanced systematic study of the doctrines, practices, and develop-
ment of a major religious tradition. May be repeated with new content.
See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.
REL S 596. Advanced Topics in Religious Studies
(A) (B) (C) (D) (1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Advanced selected topics in religious studies. May be repeated
with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of
nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to
a bachelor's degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's
degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

GRADUATE COURSES
REL S 696. Seminar in Selected Topics (3)
Prerequisite: Twelve upper division units in religious studies.
Directed research in a major problem or movement in religious
studies. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for
specific content. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's
degree with approval of the graduate adviser.
REL S 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: Twelve upper division units in religious studies and
consent of staff; to be arranged with department chair and instructor.
Individual study. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's
degree.