

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES (RLST)

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## Courses

### **RLST 505 FAITH PERSPECTIVES IN MEDICAL ETHICS (3)**

Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, Christian and Jewish perspective on issues in medical ethics including the role of the doctor, abortion, cloning, pre-gender selection, mental health and euthanasia. Prerequisites: One course in a natural science, religious studies, philosophy or consent of the instructor.

### **RLST 510 THE JEW CONFRONTS THE MODERN WORLD: JEWISH LAW AND ETHICS (3)**

Response of Jewish Law and Ethics to medical ethics, war, citizenship, environment, family, sexual ethics, government, contemporary State of Israel, women's issues, and Jewish/Gentile relationships in a multi-denominational approach. Prerequisite: One course in PHIL or RLST or consent of instructor.

### **RLST 531 EXPLORING GENESIS (3)**

Theological, textual and sociological analysis of Genesis aimed to develop new perspectives on the text and on Israelite civilization. Prerequisites: One course in Religious Studies or consent of the instructor.

### **RLST 535 PROPHETS AND PROPHECY IN ANCIENT ISRAEL (3)**

Examination of phenomenon and history of Israelite prophecy in the Hebrew Bible in light of prophecy in the ancient Near East. Prerequisite: one course in Religious Studies or Philosophy at the 100 or 200 level.

### **RLST 555 INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT (3)**

Study of the literature, history, sociology and theology of the early Christian movement focusing on canonical and non-canonical materials. Students who have successfully earned credit for PHIL 355 or RLST 355 will not receive additional credit for RLST 555. Prerequisite: one lower level course in philosophy or religious studies.

### **RLST 557 SPECIAL TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE RELIGION (3)**

Exploration of culturally diverse religious traditions in terms of a specified theme, topic or problem. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: one lower level course in philosophy or religious studies.

### **RLST 563 SUFISM: ISLAMIC MYSTICISM (3)**

Survey of the origins and development of Islamic mysticism, including its scriptural sources, mystical practices and rituals, Sufi orders, Sufi saints, and Sufism's influence on Islamic material culture and literature. Prerequisite: one course in Religious Studies or Philosophy or consent of the instructor.

### **RLST 567 ISLAM IN THE MODERN AGE (3)**

An examination of modern and contemporary Islamic movements of reform, renewal, and revolution. Topics include the status of women, religious pluralism, human rights, forms of governance, and warfare. Prerequisite: One course in RLST or PHIL, or consent of the instructor.

### **RLST 570 ADVANCED TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (3)**

Examination of diverse topics in the study of religion. May be repeated for a maximum of 15 units provided a different topic is covered.