

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (RELS)

RELS 204 (s) Special Topics (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

RELS 299 (s) Directed Study (1-16 credits)

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RELS 302 Biblical Judaism: Texts and Thought (3 credits)

Cross-listed with PHIL 302

Analysis of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and related texts with an emphasis on hermeneutics and thought.

RELS 303 Early Christianity: Texts and Thought (3 credits)

Cross-listed with PHIL 303

Analysis of the New Testament and other early Christian texts of the first and second centuries CE with an emphasis on hermeneutics and thought.

RELS 307 Buddhism (3 credits)

Cross-listed with PHIL 307

Philosophy and religion of Gautama Buddha as it developed in India, Tibet, China, and Japan.

RELS 327 Belief Systems (3 credits)

Cross-listed with ANTH 327

Method and theory of comparative anthropological study of religion.

RELS 344 The Roman Empire (3 credits)

Cross-listed with HIST 344

Surveys Roman history from c. 31 BCE to the 5th century CE, paying particular attention to military, political, religious, and social issues and developments.

RELS 404 (s) Special Topics (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

RELS 422 Contemporary Pacific Northwest Indians (3 credits)

General Education: American Diversity

Cross-listed with AIST 422, ANTH 422

Joint-listed with ANTH 522

This course is intended to impart an understanding of the vitality and rich diversity of contemporary Pacific Northwest American Indian societies, their histories, and their literatures, e. g. , in the arts and expressive culture, in governmental affairs both indigenous and external, in economics, ecological relations and natural resources, in health care, and in family, social and religious life, in oral traditions, in world views and cultural values. This understanding is inclusive of both indigenous cultural, as well as contact-historical, expressions. An understanding of Tribal sovereignty and its varied meanings is key to this outcome. ANTH 422 is cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students.

RELS 441 Ancient Greece: From Bronze Age to Alexander (3 credits)

Cross-listed with HIST 444

Joint-listed with HIST 554

Survey of development of Greek civilization, BC 2000-BC 300. Additional projects/assignments required for graduate credit. Typically Offered: Varies.

Prereqs: None

Coreqs: None Prereqs or Coreqs: None

RELS 443 The Medieval State: Europe in the High and Late Middle Ages (3 credits)

General Education: Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing, International

Cross-listed with HIST 443

Joint-listed with HIST 543

Analysis of how the vitality of particular medieval princes, of the commercial revolution, and of such movements as development of common law was harnessed in the evolution of medieval government from feudalism to the modern state.

RELS 444 Ancient Rome: The Republic (3 credits)

Cross-listed with HIST 446

Joint-listed with HIST 546

Survey of development of Roman civilization, 800-27 BCE. Additional projects/assignments required for graduate credit. Typically Offered: Varies.

RELS 447 The Renaissance (3 credits)

General Education: Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing, International

Cross-listed with HIST 447

Explores the transformative movement known as the European Renaissance. Examines how humanism not only shaped and formed art, music, literature and philosophy but also informed one's relationship to the state.

RELS 448 The Reformation (3 credits)

General Education: Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing, International

Cross-listed with HIST 448

This course examines the social and economic as well as the theological dynamic of the Reformation. The course begins by examining the thought of Erasmus and More, continuing through that of Luther, Calvin, and Loyola, to the Anabaptists. Religious upheaval lead not only to the political and military upheaval of the Religious Wars, but also to religious debate, the echoes of which resound through to the present. Additional projects/assignments required for graduate credit.

RELS 450 (s) Topics in Ancient History (3 credits, max 9)

Cross-listed with HIST 450

Joint-listed with HIST 550

Examines varied thematic and geographical/chronological topics in ancient history. This course varies in its topical focus each semester. Topics may include but are not limited to: Egypt and the Ancient Near East; religions in the ancient world; the ancient world in modern film or literature; imperialism and colonialism; gender and sexuality; race and ethnicity; trade, commerce, and coins. Typically Offered: Varies.

RELS 499 (s) Directed Study (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged