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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 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 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 development 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)
Prerequisites: 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. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree. 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.