**Graduate Program**

**REL 501  */AUD**
Religion and the Tradition of Social Theory  
*John G. Gager*  
F 9:00 am - 11:50 am  
A critical introduction to developments in social theory that have influenced the academic study of religion, including the classic contributions of Marx, Durkheim, and Weber as well as more recent debates in anthropology and cultural theory. Required of, and designed for, first- and second-year graduate students in religion; others must receive the instructor's permission to enroll.

**REL 504  */AUD**
Studies in Greco-Roman Religions - Introduction to Judaism in the Greco-Roman World  
*Martha Himmelfarb*  
TH 1:30 pm - 4:20 pm  
The goal of this course is to introduce you to a significant part of the literature of the Jews of Palestine and Egypt in the period from Alexander to the destruction of the Second Temple, together with a sampling of some recent scholarship on these works. The introduction is necessarily selective, and it will thus reflect to some degree my interests and preoccupations, but I have made an effort to give you some sense of the range of Jewish texts in the period. I hope that this breadth of coverage will provide the background you need for your own work.

**REL 505  */AUD**
Studies in the Religions of the Americas - Twentieth-Century American Religious History  
*Judith L. Weisenfeld*  
W 1:30 pm - 4:20 pm  
This course provides a broad introduction to major themes in and recent literature exploring the history of American religions in the twentieth century.

**REL 508  */AUD**
Studies in Religion and Morality - Nature, Society, and Culture in America  
*Jeffrey L. Stout*  
T 7:30-10:20 pm  
An examination of American writers, primarily essayists, beginning with Emerson and ending with Dillard.

**REL 509 / NES 510  */AUD**
Studies in the History of Islam - Legal Categories and Social Realities  
*Shaun E. Marmon*  
W 1:30 pm - 4:20 pm  
This seminar explores the relationship (or dissonance) between legal and social categories in the context of late Medieval Muslim societies. Some of the topics that we will cover in this context will be gender, slavery, religious minorities, ethnicity and hybridity, communal violence and concepts of transgression. Readings will include scholarly literature and Medieval Arabic texts.

**REL 518  */AUD**
Religion and Critical Thought Workshop  
*Leora F. Batnitzky*  
T 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
A weekly, year-long workshop focused on current student and faculty research in religion and critical thought, designed primarily for graduate students working on dissertations and general examination essays on the philosophy of religion, religious ethics, and the role of religion in politics.
REL 521  */AUD
Religion and Culture Workshop
Jacqueline I. Stone
W 3:00 pm - 4:20 pm
A weekly, year-long workshop devoted to the critical discussion of research in progress in the ethnographic, historical, and normative study of religion and culture. Designed for dissertation writers receiving fellowships from the Center for the Study of Religion and post-doctoral fellows.

REL 523  */AUD
Religion in the Americas Workshop
Wallace D. Best
Th 3:00 pm - 4:20 pm
A weekly, year-long workshop focused on the current research of visiting presenters, current students, and faculty in American religious history. The workshop is designed primarily for Ph.D. students in the field, but is open as well to undergraduate concentrators with a strong background in the study of American religion and culture. Note: REL 523 (fall) and REL 524 (spring) constitute this year-long workshop. In order to receive credit and/or a grade, students must take the course both semesters.

REL 525  */AUD
Religions of Late Antiquity Workshop
Elaine H. Pagels
M 1:30 pm - 2:50 pm
A weekly, year-long workshop providing students in the Religions of Late Antiquity with the opportunity to present their current research for discussion.

REL 534  */AUD
Studies in Japanese Religions - Issues in Scholarship
Jacqueline I. Stone
T 1:30 pm - 4:20 pm
This seminar provides an intensive introduction to Japanese Religions past and present and examines key issues in recent scholarship as well as some classic studies. The course is designed for students planning to take general exams, teach, or simply acquire a background in this field. Topics may include Buddhist interactions with local religious culture; the emergence of Shinto; monastic and lay Buddhism; philosophical issues; death ritual; modern redefinitions of Buddhism; and religion-state relations. Readings are in English and Japanese. To some extent, topics may be chosen to accommodate participant research interests.

REL 538  */AUD
Studies in Tibetan Religions - Buddhist Lineages
Jonathan C. Gold
Th 1:30 pm - 4:20 pm
This course introduces Tibetan Buddhist traditions based on sources in translation, emphasizing the historical development of the major lineages and their distinctive practice traditions. Course topics will include Tibetan tantric systems and rituals; Tibetan innovations in and approaches to Buddhist philosophy; Tibet's distinctive approach to religion and politics; Tibetan views of space and locality; Tibetan scholasticism; and the challenges posed by modernity and Chinese rule.

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