This course will focus on a detailed and careful reading of the text of the book of Genesis, with two primary aims in mind: 1) an understanding of the narratives, within the historical context and more importantly the theological nexus of the narrative; and 2) the implications and applications for contemporary society and the issues we face.

RELS 3250 The Muslim World to Tamerlane
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the rise of Islam in the seventh century and of the various Muslim societies that arose prior to the fifteenth century from the Iberian Peninsula to South Asia.
Cross Listing(s): HIST 3250, INTS 3250.

RELS 3251 The Muslim World Since Genghis Khan
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the global reach of Islam since the thirteenth century. The focus is on how Muslim societies have dealt with the precipitous decline in their well-being since their pinnacle of influence in the seventeenth century.
Cross Listing(s): HIST 3251, INTS 3251.

RELS 3238 The Hebrew Prophets
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course introduces the fundamental ideas, themes, and trajectories presented in the Hebrew Bible. We shall examine the various historical, cultural, and religious contexts of the Hebrew Bible as far as this is possible, and seek to broaden our understanding of the various claims of the text, and in turn to stimulate questions and reflections on contemporary relevance. Close attention will be paid to the reading and interpretation of the text.

RELS 3234 Christian Europe 450-1750
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The major theme of this course is the development of various Christian traditions in Europe from the early middle ages to the Enlightenment. Topics include the spread of Christianity, formation of distinct Christian churches, and the many wars fought in the name of Christianity.
Cross Listing(s): HIST 3334.

RELS 3235 Introduction to the New Testament
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course introduces the fundamental ideas, themes, and trajectories represented in New Testament texts. We shall examine the historical, cultural, and religious contexts of the New Testament and broaden our understanding of the various claims of its texts. We shall also question and reflect upon the New Testament's contemporary relevance. Close attention will be paid to the texts.

RELS 3236 Religion and Irish Identity
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course examines the relationship between religion and Irish identity within the nation-state of Ireland as well as in diverse forms of transnational Irishness.

RELS 3237 Religion and Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines systems of law within different religious traditions as well as the relationship between religion and civil law in diverse global contexts.

RELS 4336 Science and Religion
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines the interactions between science and religion from ancient times to the present.
Cross Listing(s): HIST 4336.
RELS 4890  Religious Studies Capstone
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Students will complete a capstone project in Religious Studies.
Prerequisite(s): Must have taken at least two classes in the major.

RELS 5030  Special Topics in Religious Studies
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Special topics in Religious Studies. May be repeated for additional credit when topics change.
Cross Listing(s): RELS 5030G.

RELS 5332  The Reformation
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on the breakup of western European Christian unity in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, with a particular focus on the Continental (Lutheran, Calvinist, and Radical) denominations and the social, political, and economic consequences for all Europeans.
Cross Listing(s): RELS 5332G, HIST 5332, HIST 5332G.

RELS 5030G  Special Topics in Religious Studies
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Special topics in Religious Studies. May be repeated for additional credit when topics change. Graduate Students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): RELS 5030.

RELS 5332G  The Reformation
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Focuses on the breakup of western European Christian unity in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, with a particular focus on the Continental (Lutheran, Calvinist, and Radical) denominations and the social, political, and economic consequences for all Europeans.
Cross Listing(s): HIST 5332, HIST 5332G, RELS 5332.