RELS400 Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion (3 Credits)
An exploration of scholarly approaches to the study of religion. The modern history of the secular study of religion, social dynamics, textual formations, and ritual practices. Also offered as: RELS600. 
**Credit Only Granted for:** RELS400, RELS419T, RELS600, or RELS619T. 
Formerly: RELS419T.

RELS419 Advanced Topics in Religious Studies (3 Credits)
The contemporary study of religion in which topics may address specific religious traditions, regional or historical developments, or methodological and theoretical issues. 
**Recommended:** RELS216. 
**Repeatable to:** 9 credits if content differs.

RELS429 Advanced Topics in Religious History (3 Credits)
Advanced study of religious history in a particular setting, with attention to particular themes, texts, events, or communities. 
**Recommended:** RELS216 or RELS289. 
**Repeatable to:** 9 credits if content differs.

RELS430 Dead Sea Scroll (3 Credits)
A study of the Dead Sea Scrolls in their ancient and modern settings, and in terms of contemporary scholarly interpretations of their meaning. Interpretations of the historical significance of these documents, their connections to ancient Jewish sectarian movements, and their implications for our understanding of Judaism, Christianity, and the history of the Bible. 
**Credit Only Granted for:** JWST429Q, RELS419Q, or RELS430. 
Formerly: RELS419Q.

RELS439 Advanced Topics in Religious Thought (3 Credits)
Advanced study of religious thought in a particular setting, with attention to particular themes, texts, events, or communities. 
**Recommended:** RELS216 or RELS289. 
**Repeatable to:** 9 credits if content differs.

RELS499 Independent Study in Religious Studies (1-3 Credits)
An advanced independent research project for qualified students, supervised by a faculty member, on a topic not ordinarily covered in available courses. 
**Prerequisite:** Permission of ARHU-Meyerhoff Program & Center for Jewish Studies. 
**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.

RELS600 Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion (3 Credits)
An exploration of scholarly approaches to the study of religion. The modern history of the secular study of religion, social dynamics, textual formations, and ritual practices. Also offered as: RELS400. 
**Credit Only Granted for:** RELS400, RELS419T, RELS600, or RELS619T. 
Formerly: RELS619T.

RELS619 Directed Readings in Religious Studies (3 Credits)
Individual Instruction course. 
**Repeatable to:** 6 credits if content differs.