

★**RELIGION 295 (3)—Special Topics in Religion**

*Prerequisite will vary according to the topic.* A course offered from time to time in a selected problem or topic in religion. May be repeated for degree credit with permission and if the topics are different. Topic for 1999: **Religion, Community, and Conflict in South Asia.** This course examines the religious life of the Indian Subcontinent past and present to understand how religious ideals and practices define the character of and boundaries between social groups (by region, sect, caste, and gender), while adapting to changes in the life of the community and challenges to its authority or traditions. Attention focuses on the ways in which political and economic disputes are often argued in religious terms. Key topics include the Brahmanical doctrine of caste, kingship, the roots and rhetoric of Hindu-Muslim conflict, the historical reasons for Sikh militancy, colonial India's encounter with the Christian West, the arguments for Hindu unity, Buddhist-Hindu conflict in Sri Lanka, and "communalism" and "religious nationalism" in contemporary Indian politics. Cross-cultural comparisons are made whenever appropriate. *Lubin.*

*Winter*

★**[RELIGION 395 (3)—Advanced Seminar in Religion]**

*Prerequisite will vary according to the topic.* An advanced seminar offered from time to time, depending on student interest and staff availability, in a selected problem or topic in religion. May be repeated for degree credit with permission and if the topics are different. *Staff*

**RELIGION 401 (1), 402 (2), 403 (3)—Directed Individual Study**

Subject to departmental approval and available departmental resources, this course provides an opportunity for individuals to pursue significant lines of independent study in the field of religion. May be repeated for degree credit with permission and if the topics are different. *Staff.*

**RELIGION 431 (1)—Senior Thesis Preparation**

*Prerequisite: Senior religion major or permission of the department.* In consultation with a faculty adviser, students select a thesis topic, work with a member of the library staff to learn requisite research skills and to develop an annotated bibliography for their thesis, and write a prospectus for the thesis to be completed in the winter term. *Library staff and all Religion faculty.*

*Fall*

**RELIGION 473 (3)—Senior Thesis Seminar**

*Prerequisite: Senior religion major or permission of the department.* Students explore specialized issues in religious studies through writing a thesis on a topic chosen in consultation with a faculty adviser and through seminar discussions of papers presented to the department faculty and other members of the class. *All Religion faculty.*

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**RELIGION 493 (3-3)—Honors Thesis**

*Fall-Winter*

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## ROMANCE LANGUAGES

(See French, Italian, Spanish)

### MAJOR

A major in **Romance languages** leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree consists of at least 33 credits as follows:

1. Completion of the core courses for either the French major or the Spanish major
2. Completion of the intermediate level or its equivalent in a second Romance language (French 162, 164, or Spanish 162, 164)
3. Six credits in the second language as follows:
  - a. if French, French 262 and one course chosen from French 250, 251 and 261
  - b. if Spanish, a Peninsular course and a Spanish-American course, at least one of which must be a literature course. Complete one of the following three sequences: Spanish 207 and 208; Spanish 207 and 211; Spanish 208 and 212

Romance language majors need not complete the "related courses" requirement of either the French major or the Spanish major.

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