REL 110. Old Testament (3).
General education introductory course. An introduction to the books of the Old Testament, including the histories of patriarchs and matriarchs, descriptions of Israelite religion and history, depictions of gender relations, and examples of wisdom literature.

General education introductory course. Introduces students to the world of the New Testament, the second section of the Christian Bible and basis for Christian belief and practice. Examines the historical context and contemporary applications of the New Testament paying attention to how it fits into or challenges its social milieu, with specific focus on gender, authority and use of violence.

REL 311A. Topic: Moses and David (3).
Focuses on the lives of Moses and David, the two greatest leaders of the Old Testament. Examines both the biblical stories of Moses and David and the ways in which the two are portrayed and discussed in post-biblical Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Students are also introduced to the fascinating array of novels, poems, works of art, films and political writings which portray and assess their personalities and careers.

REL 311G. Archaeology and the Bible (3).
Explores the intersection of the biblical text and the archaeology of “biblical lands.” Includes a consideration of the history of archaeological exploration in the areas and time periods associated with the Bible, and how archaeology has impacted the study of the Bible. Students learn about the social and religious aspects of the cultures and people of biblical time periods. Periods covered include: the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, Persian period Yehud, Judea under Hellenistic and Roman rule, the empires of the ancient Near East. Topics include: social organization and settlement patterns, urban and rural life, trade and commerce, gender roles in ancient societies, religious and cultic life, culture, arts and literature.

REL 327. Magic, Witchcraft and Religion (3).
General education advanced further study course. Cross-listed as ANTH 327. An examination of various concepts concerning the realm of the supernatural as held by various peoples around the world. Relates such religious beliefs and the resultant practices to the larger patterns of cultural beliefs and behaviors. Course includes diversity content.

REL 334. Islam (3).
Cross-listed as WOMS 334. Introduction to Islam, one of the major world religions. Looks at how Islamic practices and beliefs affect the lives of people around the world. Specific attention is paid to the gendered dimensions of life, what it means to be a Muslim man or woman. Students have an opportunity to interview women and men from the Muslim community in Wichita. Course includes diversity content.

REL 370. Women In World Religions (3).
Cross-listed as WOMS 370. Examines past and present roles and statuses of women in various religious traditions of the world, e.g., Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. Examines the portrayal of women’s roles in various religious and philosophical texts and the redefinition of women’s roles in the modern age within the contexts of these belief systems. Course includes diversity content.