**RELS 5000-092**  Queer Theory  
*Thursday 5:30-8:15/Kent Brintnall*  
(Cross lists with RELS 4000, WGST 4170 / 5170, PHIL 4990 / 5050, ENGL 4050 / 5050)  
Born out of engagements with the AIDS crisis and struggles for LGBTQ equality in the 1980s and 1990s, queer theory uses the insights of feminism, critical race theory, trans theory, Foucault, and psychoanalysis to understand the operation of power, particularly the power of moralizing and normalization. Scholars associated with queer theory have generated some of the most incisive, trenchant, radical, and influential critiques of gender, sexual, racial, and national identity.

**RELS 5000-090**  Religion and Social Change in Latin America  
*Tuesday 6:30-9:15/Eric Hoenes*  
(Cross lists with RELS 4000 LTAM 5000, ANTH 4622/ 5622)  
This course examines the roles that religion has played in the changing social, political, and economic landscape of Latin America. By reading historical and ethnographic case studies we will look at the ways that religious institutions have sought to address material and spiritual development throughout the region in the wake of social and political instability.

**RELS 5000-093**  Religious Experience  
*Tuesday 5:30-8:15/Will Sherman*  
(Cross lists with RELS 4000, PHIL 4590/5050).  
When a friend tells you of a dream—or describes a mystical feeling, a vision, or a drug trip that they had—what do you make of that? This course examines narratives of religious experience in order to practice how we may use these narratives to understand religion in society in critical and reflexive ways. We will consider a range of literary, historical, psychological, and phenomenological approaches and examine accounts of “religious experience” that range from medieval mystical poetry to contemporary narratives of UFOs.

**RELS 5000-091**  Religion in the Contemporary United States  
*Monday 5:30-8:15/Sean McCloud*  
(Cross lists with RELS4130, AMST4050)  
An examination of topics that includes religion and capitalism, religion and the paranormal, the rise of people who identify with no religion, the entangling of religion and media, the growth of Neopaganism and Pentecostalism, and the persistent influence of social locations such as class, race, and gender on modern American religious practices.

**RELS 5010-090**  Seminar: Mark Jordan  
*Monday 5:30-8:15/Kent Brintnall*  
(Cross lists with RELS 4010, PHIL 5050, WGST 4050 / 5050)  
This course will consider the work of Mark Jordan, a preeminent queer theologian, ethicist, and historian of Christianity whose work examines sexuality, gender, Catholicism, the writings of Michel Foucault, and gay male cultural production. Jordan will be the Department's Witherspoon lecturer during the spring semester and will attend at least one session of the seminar sharing yet-to-be-published work.

**RELS 6102-001**  Teaching in the Humanities  
*Tuesday 2:00-4:45/Joanne Maguire*  
(Cross lists with MALS 6000, HIST 6000, ENGL 6070)  
This course will approach teaching and learning in the humanities through the lens of pedagogical challenges and rewards. We will explore the history of teaching and learning in the liberal arts and survey the recent scholarship of teaching and learning to discover a range pedagogical philosophies and approaches. Students will have opportunities to articulate their own philosophies of teaching; to develop teaching portfolios, syllabi, and meaningful assignments; and to practice teaching.