## REL-325X: The Uses and Abuses of Christian Scripture

Explores the power of Biblical interpretations to influence, control and mobilize readers. Focuses on the evolution of basic interpretive rules and assumptions about how to interpret Biblical passages, and also the changing contexts and objectives of Biblical interpretation from Jesus' readings of the Hebrew Bible through scholarly approaches that developed post-Enlightenment. Primary sources include divergent interpretations of passages, infamous sermons and political speeches. FILA general education: philosophy or religion and experiential learning. Offered alternate years.

Credits 3

**Prerequisites** 

**ENG-110** 

Term Offered Spring Only Session Cycle