

COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION, MYTH, AND SECULARIZATION

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

Program(s)

University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

113

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RELIGION, MYTH, AND SECULARIZATION

UCEAP Transcript Title

RELIGN & SECULRZATN

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course provides a broad approach to religion as a cultural phenomenon. It begins by defining religion: What is religion about? How does religion differ from the sciences and the arts? What do secularization processes involve? This part of the course looks into some significant philosophical perspectives on the nature of religion and secularism. The second part of the course focuses on the contents of religion. It briefly considers the most important characteristics of the major world religions. Against this background a number of key narratives and themes are discussed from the Judea-Christian heritage, taken from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament (such as the creation story, book of Job, death and resurrection of Christ, epistles by Paul). The last part of the course looks at the role of religion and religious institutions within political power structures, ranging from the Vatican to the Middle-East. Prerequisites for this course are a philosophy course or medieval civilization course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HUM2057

Host Institution Course Title

RELIGION, MYTH, AND SECULARIZATION

Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty

University College Maastricht

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Humanities

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