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

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Maastricht University

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Host Institution Degree

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