

COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION IN ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RELIGION IN ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE

UCEAP Transcript Title

RELIGION/ETHNOGRPHY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores ethnographic literature and theory on familiar topics in the anthropology of religion. It highlights the importance of ethnographic research and the relevance of case studies. Students become familiar with the main anthropological interpretations of symbolism, rites of passage such as initiation and death rituals, and the different ways that people relate to ancestors, gods, and ghosts. Students also examine such diverse topics as the links between childhood and the spirit world, shamanism and spirit possession, and pilgrimage and world renunciation. The course has a comparative dimension where universal ideas and practices find expression in specific cultural and social contexts. Questions such as how persons are made through religious experience, why certain symbolic objects are revered, and why religious devotees take long arduous journeys to reach the sacred literally and metaphorically are explored.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5AAT2014

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Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Theology & Religious Studies, Arts & Humanities

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