

# 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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