COURSE DETAIL

PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY
Country Ireland
Host Institution Trinity College Dublin
Program(s) Trinity College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Psychology
UCEAP Course Number 133
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY
UCEAP Transcript Title PSY/RELG&SPIRITULTY
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

The course examines the core phenomena of religious and spiritual belief and practice – faith, guilt and forgiveness, worship – through the lenses of different psychologies. Psychoanalysis, social, cognitive, behavioral, biological, evolutionary and positive psychology have all addressed these. Students explore their theoretical perspectives, methodologies, and the types of empirical data they have gathered. They also look at distinctive features of human culture that, while not specifically religious, are arguably fundamental to the experience of being human, such as art, fiction, and humor. Core to the course is consideration of multiple rationalities and the nature and status of different types and levels of knowledge – religious vs. scientific, psychological vs. sociological, evolutionary vs. humanistic – in understanding the human condition.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
PSU34750

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Psychology

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