COURSE DETAIL

ATHEISM, HUMANISM AND NON-RELIGION
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of Edinburgh
Program(s) University of Edinburgh
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies
UCEAP Course Number 102
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ATHEISM, HUMANISM AND NON-RELIGION
UCEAP Transcript Title ATHEISM & HUMANISM
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description
From Ancient Greek 'atheoi' to contemporary 'New Atheists' and religious 'nones', being 'non-religious' has a complex cultural, social, and intellectual history. This course will socially and historically contextualize a variety of positions in interaction with established academic theories of religion, providing a theoretically and methodologically rich critical introduction to a variety of controversial 'religion-related' ideologies, arguments, groups, movements and identifications. The aim of the course is to introduce students to a range of 'religion-related' formations - atheistic, humanistic, 'non-religious' - in modern societies, in a historical and sociological context. The focus is to examine formations which (positively) propagate 'post-religious' identities and also which (negatively) resist 'religion'. It will also examine the various theoretical and methodological issues involved in the study of atheism, humanism, non-religion and related categories, and consider these formations in relation to the broader academic study of religion/s.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus
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Host Institution Faculty

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Host Institution Department
School of Divinity

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