

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

REST10054

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Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of Divinity

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