

COURSE DETAIL

RELIGION, SEXUALITY, AND GENDER

Country

South Africa

Host Institution

University of Cape Town

Program(s)

University of Cape Town

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

129

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RELIGION, SEXUALITY, AND GENDER

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

7.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.70

Course Description

This course explores issues related to ideologies of gender and sexuality in the history of religious traditions, with particular attention to the role of women in religion. Special attention is given to how gender is symbolized in religious myth and ritual practices, exploring how this relates to women's experiences. Connections between sexuality, embodiment and spirituality are addressed through case studies in African, Abrahamic, and Asian religions. Drawing on examples from the beliefs and practices of different religious traditions, the course aims to engage with cross-cultural and interdisciplinary scholarship in religious studies, gender studies, women's studies and feminist theory. Theoretical reflections on gender in religious traditions are addressed throughout the course. Continuous assessment (essays, projects, tests, etc.) counts 100%.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

REL2047F

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Religious Studies

Course Last Reviewed

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