

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title	: HS3007 Religion and Society
Pre-requisites	: HS1001 Person and Society HS2001 Classical Social Theory HS2002 Doing Social Research
No. of AUs.	: 3
Contact Hours	: 39

Course Aims

Religion constitutes a profoundly important part of individual and social life. The different religions have been major components in history, politics and culture. This course aims to introduce you to the ways in which religion is investigated by sociologists and anthropologists. This course emphasizes the empirical study of religion (i.e., what is the case, based on what people do), rather than the normative approach (i.e., what some people think should be the case, based on sacred texts). The module is suitable for advanced students majoring in sociology and related disciplines. Having taken this course and developed a comprehensive sociological understanding of religion, you will be in a good position to pursue further studies of religion-related topics.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Apply key sociological approaches to the study of religion.
2. Analyze social, cultural and political issues related to the religion in diverse settings.
3. Present findings of this analysis orally in class and in written work.
4. Conduct independent research to investigate religion-related social and cultural issues using the theoretical frameworks and concepts acquired from the course.

Course Content

Classical Sociological Theory of Religion
Rituals
Sacred Spaces
Secularization and Desecularization
New Religious Movement and New Age Religion
Religion and Globalization
Religion and the Media
Religion and the Internet

Course Assessment

CA1	In-class participation	: 10%
CA2	In-class presentation	: 10%
CA3	Group project	: 30%
	Final Examination	: 50%

Total -----
100%