

Module code	AZ-4303		
Module Title	Anthropology of Religion		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology and Anthropology)		
Type of Module	Major Option		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
Aims To develop an understanding of the ways different cultures classify and interpret religiously the material, social and metaphysical phenomena; and the sociological and anthropological perspective on religious understanding.			
Learning Outcomes: <i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order :	30%	- Clarify and describe ancient, modern and contemporary rituals, symbols, cosmology and social organisations.	
Middle order :	30%	- Identify and understand different methods of social and cultural anthropological inquiry. - Evaluate and compare resources available on religions and believes.	
Higher order:	40%	- Assess critically the main theories and methodology in anthropology of religion. - Assess critically and compare rituals, symbols, cosmology and social organisations.	
Module Content <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terminological considerations: world views, religion and belief systems- Classical approaches: the sociology and anthropology of religion as an academic field- Metaphysical ideologies: their psychological and sociological functions- Metaphysical explanations for misfortune: sorcery and witchcraft- Ritual and symbolism: sacred and secular- Practitioners of the sacred and the varieties of religious organisation- Revitalisation movements			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Weekly discussion and feedback	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 40% Coursework: 60% Classroom discussion (on selected reading) (10%) 1 Critical oral presentation (on selected readings) (20%) 1 Individual assignment (30%)	