

Module code	AZ-4303		
Module Title	Anthropology of Religion		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology-Anthropology)		
Type of Module	Major Option/Breadth		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
Aims			
This module is concerned with how 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%	- Engage critically, knowledgeably and anthropologically in discussion about ancient, modern and contemporary rituals, symbols, cosmology and social organizations.	
Middle order :	30%	- Identify and practice different methods of social and cultural anthropological inquiry. - Evaluate and compare resources available on religions and believes.	
Higher order:	40%	- Recognize and identify the main theories and methodology in anthropology of religion. - Compare and contrast rituals, symbols, cosmology and social organizations.	
Module Contents			
<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 organization - revitalization movements 			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Weekly feedbacks on students' oral presentation.	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 40% Coursework: 60% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Critical oral presentation (on selected readings) (20%) - Classroom discussion (on selected reading) (10%) - Research paper (30%) 	