

Module Code:	:	AA-4204		
Module Title:	:	Anthropology of Religion		
Programme	:	Bachelor of Arts		
Type of Module	:	Core / Breadth		
Modular Credits	:	4	Student Workload: Contact Hours for timetabling:	8 – 10 hours per week 2 hours per week
Prerequisite	:	None		
Anti-requisite	:	None		
Aims: This module adopts a sociological and anthropological perspective on religious understanding and behaviour. It examines the manner in which different cultures classify and interpret the material, social and metaphysical phenomena that they identify as fundamental to their way of life. It looks at how religion influences society and how society influences the practice of religion.				
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• pactitioners of the sacred and the varieties of religious organization• revitalization movements				
Assessment :	Examination:	50%	Coursework :	50%
	2 hours		2 short essays (@ 20% each)	40%
			1 presentation report (10%)	10%
Textbook(s)/References : Klass, M. (1995). <i>Ordered Universes</i> . Boulder, CO: Westview. Lessa, W.A. & E.Z. Vogt (eds.). (1979). <i>Reader in Comparative Religion</i> . New York: Harper & Row. Morris, B. (1987). <i>Anthropological Studies of Religion: An Introductory Text</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.				
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