

HUMN 3075 CONTEMPORARY RELIGION

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101359

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Description This subject will address contemporary themes in the sociology and anthropology of religion. Placing emphasis on religious beliefs, practices and objects in different communities around the world, and how they may be interconnected transnationally, the subject will interrogate the ways in which religion informs and responds to social change. Consideration will be given to the interconnections between religion and globalisation, as well as the ways in which different groups may experience or 'live' religion. The subject will include case studies on religion and young people, gender and sexuality, ethnicity and Indigeneity, religion and nature, health and wellness, and contemporary spiritualities.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Sociology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Equivalent Subjects Unit LGYB 5040 - Sociology of Religion

Restrictions

Successful completion of 80 credit points of study.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify key concepts and theories in the anthropology and sociology of religion.
2. Critically discuss religious complexity in Australia.
3. Evaluate the role of religion in contemporary society and its contribution and response to social change.

Subject Content

1. An introduction to contemporary religion
2. Religion and globalisation
3. Religious complexity in Australia
4. Material religion & aesthetics of religion
5. Fundamentalisms
6. Holistic Spirituality and Wellness cultures
7. Indigenous spirituality and religion
8. Youth and Religion
9. Gender, Sexuality and Religion
10. Religion and climate change

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are

regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,500 words	35	N	Individual	N
Quiz	10 weeks x Weekly quizzes (10 questions per quiz)	20	N	Individual	N
Case Study	1,500 words	45	N	Individual	N

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Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	10 weeks x Weekly quizzes (4 Q's per week)	20	N	Individual	Y
Proposal	500 words	10	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

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Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Liverpool

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