

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Religion, Theology, and Global Issues

Course Number and Section:

RELSTUD

1010F 550

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Course Description:

Introduction of religious studies and theology from a global perspective. Topics include theological and religious perspectives on: culture(s), politics, economics, sexuality, violence, identity and community, and spirituality.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will become familiar with the academic study of religion and its relationship to other disciplines such as history, politics, and cultural studies;
2. Students will develop and articulate an understanding of how religion continues to shape contemporary societies around the world;
3. Students will grow in their ability to creatively and concisely present research to diverse audiences;
4. Students will engage in appropriate research on a topic relevant to the course material and their own interests and growing expertise

Textbooks and Course Materials:

There is no textbook to purchase for this course. All readings will be made available on our course OWL website, either as PDFs or links to online resources in the Huron library.

The full list of weekly readings can be found in the Course Schedule.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Weekly Engagement	12/05/2025	15
Short Essay #1: Borders/Bodies	10/11/2025	30
Creative Project	11/15/2025	30

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Short Essay #2: Religion and Social Media	12/03/2025	25

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

Monday, September 8, 2025