ANTH2008
Cults, Saints, Shamans: Religion and Society
Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2021
Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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Notice
Some on-campus classes have moved online for the first two weeks of Session, before returning to campus in Week 3. If you are studying a unit outside of the primary Session 2 timetable, please contact your teaching staff team for further details.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. To find out if you are enrolled in one of these classes/teaching activities, you can check to see if your unit is on the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Your Unit Convenor will provide more information via an iLearn announcement when your iLearn unit becomes available.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
(ANTH150 or ANTH1050) or 40cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit introduces students to anthropological approaches of studying religion and to some of the core themes of the anthropology of religion. We will explore multiple religious beliefs, meanings, experiences, expressions and practices across diverse sociocultural environments both in the past and within the contemporary moment. Topics to be examined include religious myths, symbols and rituals; material religion; religion and art practices; shamanism; theocracy; secularism; and interplay between religion and politics. Special attention will be paid to how anthropologists conduct ethnographic fieldwork, the central method for anthropologists, on the religious. Students will gain a sense of the range of challenges and issues that professional anthropologists engage with when doing extended field research on religious worlds and lives. Through studying these topics, students will gain new theoretical knowledge and analytical tools that will enable them to critically examine sociocultural dimensions of religion.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are
Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

**ULO1:** Demonstrate mastery of knowledge on key themes in the anthropology of religion.

**ULO2:** Evaluate anthropological theories of religion.

**ULO3:** Examine ethnographic texts on religious experiences, practices, and lives.

**ULO4:** Evaluate methodological dimensions of ethnographic research and data collection.

**ULO5:** Write cogently about the sociocultural dimensions of religion.

**ULO6:** Critically evaluate commonly held assumptions about other cultures and socio-religious differences and adopt an open-mindedness about other’s practices.

General Assessment Information

Faculty Late penalty Policy

*Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests, etc.*

Assessment Tasks

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**Quiz**

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours
Due: 11:59pm 25/08/2021; 11:59pm 13/10/2021
Weighting: 30%
The quiz is cumulative and multiple choice, conducted online via iLearn page.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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• Evaluate anthropological theories of religion.
• Critically evaluate commonly held assumptions about other cultures and socio-religious differences and adopt an open-mindedness about other’s practices.

**Ethnographic Essay**

Assessment Type: Essay
Indicative Time on Task: 25 hours
Due: 11:59pm, 01/10/2021
Weighting: 30%

Essay on Anthropology-related topic

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Evaluate anthropological theories of religion.
• Evaluate methodological dimensions of ethnographic research and data collection.
• Write cogently about the sociocultural dimensions of religion.
• Critically evaluate commonly held assumptions about other cultures and socio-religious differences and adopt an open-mindedness about other’s practices.

**Take-home Exam**

Assessment Type: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task: 15 hours
Due: 11:59pm, 08/11/2021
Weighting: 30%

An open-note, short-answer final exam will assess cumulative knowledge of the unit material from the entire semester.

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• Evaluate anthropological theories of religion.
• Examine ethnographic texts on religious experiences, practices, and lives.
• Write cogently about the sociocultural dimensions of religion.
• Critically evaluate commonly held assumptions about other cultures and socio-religious differences and adopt an open-mindedness about other’s practices.

Online Discussion Forum (external students)
Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 12 hours
Due: ongoing
Weighting: 10%

Online discussion forum via iLearn

On successful completion you will be able to:
• Evaluate anthropological theories of religion.
• Examine ethnographic texts on religious experiences, practices, and lives.
• Write cogently about the sociocultural dimensions of religion.
• Critically evaluate commonly held assumptions about other cultures and socio-religious differences and adopt an open-mindedness about other’s practices.

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:
• the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
• the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources
The iLearn page for this unit contains all the information about ANTH2008. All lectures in this unit are pre-recorded fresh for the current cohort of ANTH2008 students and made available via the ECHO platform. Although the lectures and tutorials are scheduled to run on Mondays, we will make the lecture material accessible to you prior to Monday so that you have sufficient time to prepare for your tutorial. Make sure to confirm the tutorial you are enrolled in. Tutorials start in Week 2.
Unit Schedule

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy (Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct
Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

This unit is updated every year and all lecture recordings for this year are new!
## Changes since First Published

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