

## Religious Studies 1 Class Schedule

Readings should be read before class on the day they're scheduled. Study questions will be posted on Canvas. Readings/Topics may be re-scheduled or changed if I deem necessary.

\* Indicates readings are found in the Week's Plan on Canvas

### Week 1

M 1/13	<b><u>Course Intros</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get familiar with Canvas <a href="https://canvas.santarosa.edu/">https://canvas.santarosa.edu/</a></li> <li>• Read Syllabus closely</li> <li>• Read <a href="#">How to E-mail a Professor Without Being Annoying AF</a>. (I have this one <a href="#">How to Email Your Students</a>.) on Canvas</li> <li>• Buy Books (or locate them in the library) &amp; Materials, Get familiar with book: look through it, see what it offers</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas User Profile, due by 11:59pm</li> <li>• Intro Post, due by 11:59pm</li> </ul>
M 1/15	<b><u>What is the Academic Study of Religion?</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *McCutcheon, "What is the Academic Study of Religion?" (2 pp)</li> <li>• *1<sup>st</sup> Selections From <i>Religion in Five Minutes</i>, (13 pp), Read articles by: Simmons, Graziano, Newton, Gadsby</li> </ul>

### Week 2

M 1/20	<b>No Class, No Office Hours: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</b>
W 1/22	<b><u>What is religion? Lexical Definitions &amp; the Word "Religion"</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nye, ch. 1 "Religion: Some Basics" (22 pp)</li> </ul>
F 1/24	<b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas User Profile, due by 11:59pm</li> <li>• Intro Post, due by 11:59pm</li> </ul>

### Week 3

Sun 1/26	<b>Last day to drop with a refund</b>
M 1/27	<b><u>What is religion? Lexical Definitions &amp; the Word "Religion"</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *Smith, "Religion, Religions, Religious" (13 pp)</li> <li>• *Definitions of Religion (1 p)</li> <li>• *How to Read Difficult Scholarly Writing (1 p)</li> </ul>
W 1/29	<b><u>Describing Religion</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *Prothero, "Introduction" to <i>God is Not One</i> (24 pp)</li> <li>• *Smart, "Introduction" to <i>Dimensions of the Sacred</i> (28 pp) read pp. 8-14 closely, skim the rest, if you have time</li> </ul>

**Week 4**

Sun 2/2	Last day to add with an add code, Last day to drop without a W
M 2/3	<b><u>Religion &amp; Worldview</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catch up on the previous readings &amp; review them</li> <li>In-class activity! <b>This activity can not be made up – do your best to be here today!</b></li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1 Open, Due M 2/10 by 11:59pm</li> </ul>
W 2/5	<b><u>Categorizing Religion &amp; Why It Matters</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Wenger, “We Are Guaranteed Freedom: Pueblo Indians and the Category of Religion in the 1920s” (24 pp)</li> <li>*How to Read Difficult Scholarly Writing (1 p)</li> <li>*Schulson, “Why Do So Many Americans Believe Islam is a Political Ideology, Not a Religion?” (3 pp)</li> </ul>

**Week 5**

M 2/10	<b><u>Culture</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nye, ch. 2 “Culture” (34 pp)</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1 Due by 11:59pm</li> </ul>
W 2/12	<b>Professional Development Day – No Class, No Office Hour</b>

**Week 6**

M 2/17	<b>No Class, No Office hour: Washington’s Day Holiday</b>
W 2/19	<b><u>Culture</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quiz 1 Open (2 tries), Due W 2/26 by 11:59pm</li> </ul>

**Week 7**

Su 2/23	Last day to opt for P/NP
M 2/24	<b><u>Culture</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period for paper 1 ends at 11:59pm.</li> </ul>
W 2/26	<b>TBA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day for Office Hour Chat points!</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quiz 1 due by 11:59pm.</li> </ul>

**Week 8**

M 3/2	<b>Midterm Exam (in class)</b>
W 3/4	<b><u>Power</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nye, ch. 3 “Power” (22 pp)</li> </ul>

**Week 9**

M 3/9	<b><u>Power</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBA</li> </ul>
W 3/11	<b><u>Gender</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nye, ch. 4 “Gender” (26 pp)</li> </ul>

**Spring Break 3/16 – 3/22****Week 10**

M 3/23	<b><u>Gender</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBA</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 2 Open, Due on M 3/30 by 11:59pm</li> </ul>
W 3/25	<b><u>Belief</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nye, ch 5 “Belief” (24 pp)</li> <li>• *Nicene Creed</li> </ul>

**Week 11**

M 3/30	<b><u>Belief</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *King, “Were Neanderthals Religious?” (3 pp)</li> <li>• *King, “Seeing Spirituality in Chimpanzees (5 pp)</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 2 Due by 11:59pm.</li> </ul>
W 4/1	<b><u>Ritual</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nye, ch 6 “Ritual” (23 pp)</li> <li>• *McCutcheon, “What is the difference between ritual and habits?” (5 pp)</li> </ul>

**Week 12**

M 4/6	<b><u>Ritual</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBA</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz 2 Open (2 tries), Due M 4/13 by 11:59pm</li> <li>• Paper 2 grace period ends at 11:59pm</li> </ul>
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W 4/8	<b><u>Texts</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nye, ch. 7 “Texts” (30 pp)</li> <li>McCutcheon, “Do all religions have sacred books?” (4 pp)</li> </ul>
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### Week 13

M 4/13	<b><u>Texts</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quiz 2 Due by 11:59pm</li> </ul>
W 4/15	<b><u>What Religion Looks Like: <i>Inside Mecca</i></u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA</li> <li><b>Screening of <i>Inside Mecca</i> &amp; discussion in class</b></li> </ul>

### Week 14

Su 4/19	Last day to drop with a W
M 4/20	<b><u>Contemporary Issues</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nye, ch. 8, “Contemporary Religions, Cotemporary Cultures” (29 pp)</li> </ul> <b>Due:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Essay Open, Due M 5/4 by 1:30pm</li> </ul>
W 4/22	<b><u>Contemporary Issues</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA</li> </ul>

### Week 15

M 4/27	<b><u>Religion &amp; Worldview</u></b> <b>Read:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*2<sup>nd</sup> Selections from <i>Religion in Five Minutes</i> (16 pp), Read articles by: McCutcheon, Ramey, Dees, Dickman, Colborne</li> </ul>
W 4/29	<b>TBA</b>

### Week 16

M 5/4	<b>TBA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Essay due 11:59pm</li> </ul>
W 5/6	<b>TBA</b>

### Week 17

M 5/11	<b>TBA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Essay Grace Period ends at 11:59pm</li> </ul>
W 5/13	<b><u>Review &amp; Wrap Up</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day for Office Hour Chat points!</li> </ul>

**Finals Week**

W 5/20	<b>Final Exam, in class 1:00pm - 3:45pm *note the time*</b>
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