

COURSE NAME/NUMBER**LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Appreciation of the geographical expression of religion and the geography of religion.
2. Knowledge of the origin, diffusion and present pattern of belief systems.
3. Explore the meaning of place through investigation of religious experience, sacred places and pilgrimage.
4. Explore role of belief with regard to attitudes towards the environment, creation of cultural landscapes and regional character.
5. Study the geography and impact of changing patterns of belief from fundamentalism to secularization.

METHODS:

Teaching methods will vary between instructors and with each offering of the course. Class time will include formal lectures that will present course topics. Students will be encouraged to ask questions and participate in discussion on the content of the lectures. Seminars will emphasize student-based teaching methods including both formal and informal class discussions and student presentations. The course texts and reading list will form the basis of these seminars. Visual aids and maps will be used to supplement all classroom activities. Field trips in the local region will usually be a component of the course.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check :) Yes No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

Challenge examination

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Chris C. Park.1994. Sacred Worlds, An Introduction to Geography and Religion. London: Routledge.

Course Pack (sample content attached)

1. Diffusion and Conversion

John J Saunders, (ed)1966, The Muslim World On The Eve Of Europe's Expansion. 83-94.Englewood Cliffs NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Rodney Stark 1996, "Conversion and Christian Growth", in The Rise of Christianity, A Sociologist Reconsiders History. 3-27.

Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

Michael K Steinberg, 2002, "The Second Conquest: Religious Conversion and the Erosion of the Cultural Ecological Core among the Mopan Maya", Journal of Cultural Geography. 20(1) 91-105.

Robert Voeks, 1993, "African Medicine and Magic in the Americas", The Geographical Review. 83 (1) 67-78.

2. Belief and Action in the Environment

Lynn White Jr.1967,"The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis", Science. 155 (3765): 1203-07,

Yi-Fu Tuan, 1970,"Our Treatment of the Environment in Ideal and Actuality", American Scientist 58 (3): 244-49.

Robin W. Doughty, 1994,"Environmental Theology: Trends in Christian Thought", in Re-Reading Cultural Geography. Kenneth E. Foote et al (eds.) 313-322. Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press.

3. Sacred Places

A. The Meaning of Place

Yi-Fu Tuan, 1974, "Topophilia and Environment", in Topophilia: A Study of Environmental Perception, Attitudes, And Values. 92-112. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall

Miles Richardson, 2000, "The Gift of Presence", in Alexander Murphy, Douglas L Johnson, and Viola Haarmann (eds), Cultural Encounters with the Environment: Enduring and Evolving Geographic Themes . 257-272. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

B. Pilgrimage

Philip L. Wagner, 1997, "Pilgrimage: Culture and Geography", in Robert H. Stoddard and Alan Morinis (eds.), Sacred Places, Sacred Spaces: The Geography of Pilgrimages. 299-323. Baton Rouge LA: Dept of Geography and Anthropology, LSU..

Hiroshi Tanaka, 1976, "Religious Merit and Convenience, The Resolution Of A Conflict Within A Pilgrimage Through Spatial-Temporal Adjustments", Occasional Papers in Geography 22 (New Themes in Western Canadian Geography: The Langara Papers) 109-118.

Joseph J. Hobbs, 1993, "Sacred Space and Touristic Development At Jebel Musa (Mt. Sinai), Egypt", Journal of Cultural

Geography. 14(1) 99-113.

Daniel R. Weir and Irisita Azary, 2001, "Quitovac Oasis: A Sense of Home Place and the Development of Water Resources", Professional Geographer. 53(1) 45-55.

C. Architecture

Charles A. Heatwole, 1989 "Sectarian Ideology and Church Architecture", The Geographical Review. 79 (1) 63-78.

D. Spiritual Geography

Martha L. Henderson, 1993, "What is Spiritual Geography", The Geographical Review 83(4). 469-472.

4. Regions and Landscapes

Elaine M. Bjorklund, 1964, "Ideology and Culture Exemplified in Southwestern Michigan", Annals of the Association of American Geographers. 54 (2) 227-241

Richard V. Francaviglia, 1971, "The Cemetery as an Evolving Cultural Landscape", Annals of the Association of American Geographers. 61 (3) 501-509.

Ingolf Vogeler, 1976, "The Roman Catholic Culture Region of Central Minnesota", Pioneer America. 8, 71-83.

5. Emerging Patterns

Jay Johnson and Frank J Costa, 1998, "Hindu Temple Development in the United States: Planning and Zoning Issues", Journal of Cultural Geography, 17 (2) 115-124.

Barbara A Weightman, 1992, "Changing Religious Landscapes in Los Angeles", Journal of Cultural Geography, 12 (2), 1-20.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

N/A

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Examinations 40%.

Critical Essay on assigned topic 20%

Book Review 20% (sample list attached)

Field Project 20%

Approved Books for Review

Annis, *God and Production in a Guatemalan Town*.

Barrier and Dusenber (eds.), *The Sikh Diaspora and the Expansion Beyond Punjab*.

Bays, *Christianity in China: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present*

Bowen, *Evangelism and apostasy: the evolution and impact of evangelicals in modern Mexico*.

Brandon, *Santeria from Africa to the New World*.

Brardwaj, *Hindu Places of Pilgrimage in India: A Study in Cultural Geography*. 1973)

Breuilly and Palmer, *Christianity and Ecology*

Burns, et al, *Muslims in the diaspora: the Somali communities of London and Toronto*

Crumline and Morinis (eds.), *Pilgrimage in Latin America* .

De Planol, *The World of Islam*.

Friesen, *The Community Doukhobors; A People in Transition*.

Geertz, *The Religion of Java*

Glacken, *Traces on the Rhodian Shore: nature and culture in Western thought from ancient times to the end of the eighteenth century*.

Hardwick, *Russian refuge: religion, migration, and settlement on the North American Pacific rim*.

Hefner (ed.), *Conversion to Christianity: Regional and Anthropological Perceptions on the Great Transformation*.

Hostetler, *Amish Society*.

Hostetler, *Hutterite Society*.

Jordan, *Texas Graveyards: a cultural legacy*

Kinsley, *Ecology and Religion: Ecological Spirituality in Cross-Cultural Perspective*.

Lane, *Landscapes of the Sacred, geography and narrative in American Spirituality*

Lodrick, *Sacred Cows, Sacred Places: Origins and Survivals of Animal Homes in India*,

Madsen, *China's Catholics*

Nolan and Nolan, *Christian Pilgrimage in Modern Western Europe*.

Norris, *Dakota, a Spiritual Geography*.

Orsi, *The Madonna of 115th Street: faith and community in Italian Harlem, 1880-1950*.

Ryan, *The Agricultural Economy of Manitoba Hutterite Colonies*

Stoll, *Is Latin America Turning Protestant?*

Santmire, *The Travail of Nature: The Ambiguous Ecological Promise of Christian Theology*.

Simpson-Housley and Scott, *Sacred Places and Profane Spaces, essays in the geographics of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.*
Stark, *The Rise of Christianity*
Stoddard and Morinis, *Sacred Places, Sacred Spaces; The Geography of Pilgrimages.*
Stump, *Boundaries of Faith: Geographical Perspectives on Religious Fundamentalism.*
Tracey, "Toil and Peaceful Life, Doukhobor Village Settlement in Saskatchewan, 1899 – 1918."
Tuan, *Landscapes of Fear* BF575 F2 T83
Tuan, *Topophilia: A Study of Environmental Perceptions, Attitudes, and Values.*
Voeks, *Sacred Leaves of Candomblé.*
Wheatley, *The Places Where Men Pray Together: Cities in Islamic Lands, Seventh through the Tenth Centuries.*
Williams, *Community in a Black Pentecostal church: an anthropological study*
Woodcock and Avakumovic, *The Doukhobors.*

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

1. Introduction: The geographic study of religion
2. Historical Patterns of Religion
3. Belief and Environment
4. The Meaning of Place
5. Sacred Places
6. Pilgrimage
7. Architecture
8. Spiritual Geography
9. Religious Regions and Landscapes
10. Denominational Studies
11. Emerging Patterns
12. Presentations
13. Conclusions and Review