



COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2005
 COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 2013
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: September 2018
(six years after UEC approval) *(month, year)*

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.
 Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

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| GEOG 346 | Geography | 4 |
| COURSE NAME/NUMBER | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT | UFV CREDITS |
| | Geography of Religion | |
| COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE | | |

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

A study of the geographical expression of religion and belief systems, this course covers the origins, diffusion and changing impacts of belief on cultural patterns and landscapes. Field trips outside of class time may be required. Please refer to the department website for field trip scheduling information.

Note: Students with credit for GEOG 400C cannot take this course for further credit.

PREREQUISITES: One of GEOG 240, GEOG 241, or GEOG 242.
 COREQUISITES:
 PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):

- (a) Replaces: GEOG 400C
- (b) Cross-listed with: _____
- (c) Cannot take: GEOG 400C for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO: *(department/program)*

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 60

STRUCTURE OF HOURS:

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| Lectures: | <u>30</u> | Hrs |
| Seminar: | <u>20</u> | Hrs |
| Laboratory: | _____ | Hrs |
| Field experience: | <u>10</u> | Hrs |
| Student directed learning: | _____ | Hrs |
| Other (specify): | _____ | Hrs |

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:

Length of course: _____
 Hours per day: _____

OTHER:

Maximum enrolment: 28
 Expected frequency of course offerings: Once every second year
(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)

Yes No

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)

Yes No

TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:

Yes No

Course designer(s): Garry Fehr

Department Head: Michelle Rhodes

Supporting area consultation

Curriculum Committee chair: Tetsuomi Anzai

Dean/Associate VP: Jacqueline Nolte

Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval

Date approved: February 16, 2012

Date of meeting: May 18, 2012

Date approved: September 14, 2012

Date approved: September 14, 2012

Date of meeting: September 28, 2012

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe and discuss the origin, diffusion and present patterns of belief systems.
2. Explain the creation of landscapes through the examination of religious experience, sacred places and pilgrimage.
3. Critically analyze the role of religion in defining environmental attitudes and political movements.
4. Identify and interpret local religious landscapes and discuss their spatial evolution in relation to belief systems.
5. Demonstrate fundamental skills in geographic research, analysis and synthesis.

METHODS: *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Teaching methods will include lectures, guest speakers, seminar activities, audio-visual materials, student presentations and fieldtrips.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Examination(s) Portfolio assessment Interview(s) Other (specify):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS: *[Textbook selection varies by instructor. Examples for this course might be:]*

Chris C. Park. 1994. Sacred Worlds, An Introduction to Geography and Religion. London: Routledge
Hitchcock, S. & Esposito, 2004. J. Geography of Religion: Where God Lives, Where Pilgrims Walk. Washington: National Geographic.
Stump, R. 2008. The Geography of Religion: Faith, Place and Space. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
Eck, D. 2012. India: A Sacred Geography. New York: Harmony Publishers.

1. Diffusion and Dispersion

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

Jenkins, W. & Chapple, C. 2011. Religion and Environment. Annual Review of Environment and Resources, 36, 441-463.
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.
Kong, L. 2010. Global Shifts, Theoretical Shifts: Changing Geographies of Religion. Progress in Human Geography, 34(6), 755-776.

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.
Park, C. 2004. Religion and Geography. Chapter 17 in Hinnells, J. (ed.) Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion. London: Routledge.

Textbooks, references, materials continued:

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:

Minimal fieldtrip fee.

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

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| Midterm | 25% |
| Final exam | 25% |
| Critical essay on assigned topic | 25% |
| Field projects | 25% |

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. Spatial Patterns of Religion
4. Migration, Ethnicity and Religion
5. Sacred Places
6. Pilgrimage
7. Architecture
8. Landscapes of Death
9. Religious Regions and Landscapes
10. Religion and Development
11. Religion and Politics
12. Presentations
13. Conclusions and Review