This course provides a survey of recent developments in the academic study of religion. We will get to know and discuss contemporary theories of religious thought and behaviour by comparing sociological, cognitive and anthropological approaches to myth, ritual, and religious experience.

**Learning Outcomes:**
On successful completion of this course, SF students will be able to:
- Recognize the multi-methodical, systematic structure of the discipline and distinguish different methodologies and perspectives.
- Identify, distinguish and characterise key concepts in the contemporary academic study of religion
- Identify the relevance and consequences of theorizing in the study of religion
- Understand and reconstruct critical discussion of theoretical issues
- Apply concepts to empirical cases.

**Indicative Reading:**

**Assessment:** One 3,000 word essay

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