

## Society, Culture & Religion

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Examination of the sociological traditions of Max Weber, Emile Durkheim and later contributors to the sociological understanding of religious phenomena, such as Dewey, Mead, Cooley, and Wach. SCRL-205. Psychology of Religion. 3 crs.

Treats psychological factors in religious experience, with special reference to their significance in the phenomena of conversion, revivals, mysticism, personality structure, and social action. SCRL-300. Nature of the Religious Experience. 3 crs.

Interdisciplinary, cross-cultural study of religious experience and expression, with consideration given to the social and historical conditions from which they develop. SCRL-215. Religious Personality Growth and Development. 3 crs.

Definition of religious personality, with an analysis of its theories, development, and perfection. May be used as a developmental approach to the field. SCRL-220. World Religions. 3 crs.

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Study of traditional African religions before contact with western thought modes and missionary advance into Africa, including early approaches to the study of the concept of time, the nature of ultimate reality, and sacrifice. SCRL-230.

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A study of the history and evolution of African traditional religions and beliefs in Central and South America, the Caribbean and the United States. Religions such as Vodun in Haiti, Santeria from Cuba, Candomble from Brazil, Cumina from Jamaica, Shango from Trinidad and Tobago, and Akan and Yoruba in the United States will be examined. Particular attention will be given to the interpenetration of Christianity and African traditional religions. SCRL-310. Religion and Psychology. 3 crs.

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Cross-cultural study of such religious phenomena as the sacred essence, the sacred community, the sacred word, and the sacred experience. SCRL-328. Origins and Development of Egyptian Judaism. 3 crs.

Examines the African presence in Judaism as it developed in Alexandria, Egypt. Will consider the importance of the Septuagint Tradition and study in depth the life and writings of the African Jewish Philosopher and Exegete, Philo of Alexandria. An important part of this study will be the conceptual reappropriation of Egypt (Kemit) as a black African civilization. To understand the development of Egyptian Judaism, a study will be done on the impact of Nile Valley civilization on the ancient world. SCRL-500. Religion, Anthropology, and Modern Social Issues. 3 crs.

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