

RELS 140: RELIGION AND SCIENCE

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This course examines the categories of both science and religion and attempts to explore the possible relationships between them. Some relationships are hostile, some neutral, some complementary, and often they are very deeply tangled. Case studies will involve: medicine and health (e.g. COVID conspiracy theories), science-and-technology-based religions (e.g. The Church of Perpetual Life), and how science and religion have differently addressed some of the same questions (e.g. in practices like alchemy vs chemistry, astrology vs astronomy).

Course Breakdown

Each week you will receive readings and a short (10-15 min) narrated presentation that prepares you for an activity. All reading material for the course will be provided. You will participate in on-campus tutorials or synchronous remote tutorials if you are not returning to campus. Grading will be based on several short observational, creative, and reflective assignments.

Time Commitment per Week

8 hours

Prerequisite

None

Required Textbook/Materials

No