

RELS 227: THINGS AND OBJECTS IN INDIGENOUS WORLDS

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This course on Indigenous traditions follows the trace of the material objects related to religious practices and knowledges in North America and in other Indigenous areas in the world. What these objects are, what they mean, what they do or help to do. Trying to go beyond the usual division between sacred and profane objects, a final reflection will lead us to explore the question of whether objects are things or something more than that in Indigenous contexts.

Weekly Schedule

The strategy will be to meet every other class—that is, only on Wednesdays—and to develop practical works to be submitted every two weeks (on Mondays). The meetings will run in the form of lectures based on weekly readings. For the practical works, you will receive instructions to develop individual reflections on films, news, videos, and concrete objects, to further understand and apply the concepts learned during the lectures.

Grading

Participation in discussions (10%)
 6 Reading notes (30%)
 4 Practice activities (30%)
 Final essay [paper or video] (30%)

Time Commitment per Week

**8-10
hours**

Prerequisite

Level 2

Required Textbook/Materials

No