

RELS 301: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND RELIGION

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This course will explore the intersection of race, ethnicity and religion, alongside gender, sexuality, culture, and more. It will first explore how colonialism and imperialism actively used the construct of race and religion to oppress peoples, such as the indigenous communities in Canada, as well as African Americans and Muslims. Then it will shift in its focus to understand how those who were oppressed by the colonizers or imperial powers responded by using religion and a discourse of race to construct their own systems and world views, along with relationships with the divine. Some examples of case studies this course will engage include African-American Islam (i.e., Nation of Islam), Black Christian Theology, Hinduism, Mormonism, indigenous spiritualities.

Course Breakdown

Participation (20%)

Film Review (20%)

Book Reviews (30%)

Structured Dialogue Reflections
(10%)

Final Assignment (20%)

Time Commitment per Week

**10
hours**

Prerequisite

Level 3

Required Textbook/Materials

Yes