

RELS 354: THEORY IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Queen's University School of Religion

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An introduction to major theoretical approaches to the study of religion.

Course Breakdown

During the course students will:

- demonstrate a knowledge of the basic terminology and concepts for the academic study of religion;
- demonstrate comprehension of some of the advantages and disadvantages of differing ways of defining religion;
- demonstrate comprehension of different theories and analytical methods that can be used in the interpretation of religion;
- undertake critical analysis of the theories and analytical methods that can be used in the interpretation of religion;
- undertake critical analysis of specific concrete manifestations of religion through the lenses of specific theories of religion;
- draw on the students' RELS courses as a whole with a view to synthesizing learning over the course of the RELS degree program.

Time Commitment per Week

**10
hours**

Prerequisite

Level 3

Required Textbook/Materials

Yes