

# RELS 401: ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION

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**This advanced seminar is intended to help you use contemporary anthropological concepts and methods relevant for the study of religion, think a research question related to any religious tradition or phenomena, and build an anthropological research proposal with these elements. The most important concepts addressed will be religion itself, symbols and representation, ritual and ritualization, performance and performativity, habitus and embodiment, and power apparatuses. To help you address your research question, this seminar will expand (and help you apply) your knowledge on specific qualitative research methods like discourse analysis, life-history, and self-ethnography. We will also address the procedure of data analysis considering its many layers from an anthropological point of view.**

Time Commitment per Week

**10  
hours**

Prerequisite

**Level 4**

Required Textbook/Materials

**No**

## Course Breakdown

Participation is a must in seminars and, now that we return to in-person teaching, it will be possible again. The final paper will be the research proposal that will be gradually built throughout the semester. Practical work will be done on the different elements of a research proposal, using the up mentioned concepts and methods. During the semester, you will give one oral presentation of a reading. Grading will be based on all these elements. Readings will be posted via OnQ.

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