

RELS 354: THEORY IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Queen's University School of Religion

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This course is an introduction to the major theoretical approaches to the study of religion. The course will consider how the category and study of religion was historically defined, approached and explained by scholars, while considering how colonial, racial, and gendered locations have implicated the study of religion and the idea of religion itself.

Course Breakdown

This course will be a blend of occasional synchronized (via online platform for discussions of readings) and a-synchronized (weekly lectures will be posted and online activities and assignments via OnQ) but the entire course will be delivered remotely and online. Where possible readings will be posted via OnQ. The instructor will also try to ensure digital versions of readings are available.

Time Commitment per Week

**8-10
hours**

Prerequisite

Level 3

Required Textbook/Materials

Yes