



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>
SOC-230	Sociology and Religion	6
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None	Social Sciences	Fall
<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Language of Instruction</b>
Elective	Social Science	English
<b>Level of Course</b>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	<b>Year of Study</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	Dr Marios Sarris	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Co-requisites</b>
Face-to-face	N/A	None

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Further students' understanding of the impact of religion upon society, to discuss its importance and role in human history, and to understand its multiple forms and the social factors that shape and determine it.

### Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Compare alternative sociological approaches to the truth claims of religion.
2. Critically evaluate conflicting definitions of religion.
3. Assess existing theories on the relationship between religion and reason.
4. Evaluate the role that magic plays in both pre-modern and modern societies and examine its relationship to religion.
5. Assess existing theories on the relationship between religion and emotion.
6. Demonstrate general knowledge of at least one major case of a world religion and a relevant knowledge of at least four minor cases of tribal religion.

7. Assess existing theories on the relationship between religion and ideology.
8. Analyse millennial movements.
9. Discuss the relationship between religion and solidarity.
10. Discuss the relationship between religion and rationality.

**Course Content:**

1. Positivists, phenomenologists, and methodological agnostics.
2. Substantive, functional and polythetic definitions of religion.
3. The intellectualist approach to religion.
4. Magic.
5. The emotionalist approach to religion.
6. Case study of a major world religion.
7. Religion and ideology: Karl Marx.
8. Millennial movements.
9. Religion and solidarity: Emile Durkheim.
10. Religion and rationality: Max Weber.

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive lectures.

**Assessment Methods:**

Mid-term exam, final exam, assessment of attendance and participation.

**Required Textbooks / Readings:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Religion in Sociological Perspective	Roberts, K. A. & Yamane, D.	SAGE Publications	2020	Print Copy Available ISBN 9781506366067

**Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
The Sociology of Religion	Hamilton, Malcolm	Routledge	2012	Print Copy Available ISBN 978 113 497 6263