

Anthropology 2R03
Religion, Magic and Witchcraft
Winter 2017 – Mon. & Thurs. 3:30-4:20 p.m., Tues. 4:30-5:20 p.m. DSB AB 102
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Objectives and Overview:

This course introduces the anthropological study of religion. By the end of the semester, students will be familiar with the various definitions of “religion,” “magic,” and “witchcraft” and the critiques of these categories formulated by anthropologists from the beginnings of the discipline in the nineteenth century down to the present. Through readings and digital resources, the course will present students with the opportunity to encounter and understand religious experience in a variety of cultural contexts, including our own.

Required Texts: *Magic, Witchcraft and Religion: A Reader in the Anthropology of Religion.* Pamela A. Moro, ed. Ninth edition, McGraw-Hill 2013 (available in Campus Store).

Madumo: A Man Bewitched. Adam Ashforth. University of Chicago Press, 2005 (available in Campus Store).

Assessment:

Grades will be determined on the following basis:

Mid-Term Examination (Feb. 13):	35%
Book Test (Mar. 19):	30%
Final Examination (April exam period):	35%

The Mid-Term and Final examinations will be multiple choice format and 50 minutes in length. Both will cover material from lectures, readings and audio-visual presentations. The mid-term examination will include material covered from Jan. 4 – Feb. 12 (inclusive). The final examination will **not** be cumulative; it will only include material covered after the Feb. 13 mid-term. The book test will be multiple choice format and 50 minutes in length and will cover *Madumo: A Man Bewitched*.

A-V materials will only be shown in the scheduled classes. Most of the A-V materials must be ordered from other Ontario universities and are only available for the scheduled showing in class.

Schedule of Lectures, Readings and AV Materials

Thurs. Jan. 4: Introduction

Mon. Jan. 8: The Anthropological Study of Religion
Read: article by Eller in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*

- Tues. Jan. 9: The Anthropological Study of Religion
Read: articles by Wagner and Moro in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Thurs. Jan. 11: AV – *Friends of God*
- Mon. Jan. 15: Myth, Symbolism and Worldview
Read: articles by Narayan and Sood, Geertz in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Jan. 16: Myth, Symbolism and Worldview
Read: articles by Wolf, Daugherty in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Thurs. Jan. 18: Ritual
Read: articles by Turner (“Betwixt and Between”), Mason in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Mon. Jan. 22: AV – *The King Does Not Lie*
- Tues. Jan. 23: Ritual
Read: article by Kapchan in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Thurs. Jan. 25: Religious Specialists
Read: articles by Turner (“Religious Specialists”), Vitebsky in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Mon. Jan. 29: Religious Specialists
Read: article by Mullins in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Jan. 30: Altered States
Read: articles by Greenfield, Harner and Hutson in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Thurs. Feb. 1: AV – *John of God*
- Mon. Feb. 5: Illness, Healing and Religion
Read: articles by Foster, De La Portilla in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Feb. 6: Illness, Healing and Religion
Read: articles by Fadiman, Kenyon in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Thurs. Feb. 8: AV – *Split Horn*

- Mon. Feb. 12: Illness, Healing and Religion, **Review Session**
Read: article by Gilmore in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*

AV – Burning Man
- Tues. Feb. 13: **Mid-Term**
- Thurs. Feb. 15: Witchcraft, Sorcery and Divination
Read: articles by Luhrmann, Gmelch, Thomas in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Mon. Feb. 26: *AV – World of Witchcraft*
- Tues. Feb. 27: Witchcraft, Sorcery and Divination
Read: article by Hewlett et al. in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Thurs. Mar. 1: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
Read: article by Norget in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*

AV – Day of the Dead
- Mon. Mar. 5: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
Read: article by Brown in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Mar. 6: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
Brittany
- Thurs. Mar. 8: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
Brittany
- Mon. Mar. 12: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
Read: article by Metcalf in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Mar. 13: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
- Thurs. Mar. 15: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
Read: article by Conklin in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Mon. Mar. 19: **Book Test on *Madumo: A Man Bewitched***
- Tues. Mar. 20: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
- Thurs. Mar. 22: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
- Mon. Mar. 26: Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
Read: article by Lock in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*

- Tues. Mar. 27: *I Wear the Veil*
- Thurs. Mar. 29: Religion in a Changing World
Read: article by Hoodfar in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Mon. Apr. 2: Religion in a Changing World
Read: article by Juergensmeyer in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Apr. 3: Religion in a Changing World
Read: articles by Buckser, Lewis in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Thurs. Apr. 5: Religion in a Changing World
Read: articles by Erzen, Darlington in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Mon. Apr. 9: After Death Communications
Review Session

The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check his/her McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty consists of misrepresentation by deception or by other fraudulent means and can result in serious consequences, e.g., the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: “Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty”), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university.

It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various kinds of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, Appendix 3, <http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/AcademicIntegrity.pdf>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

1. Plagiarism, e.g., the submission of work that is not one's own for which other credit has been obtained. (*Insert specific course information, e.g., style guide*)
 2. Improper collaboration in group work. (*Insert specific course information*)
 3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.
- (*If applicable*) In this course we will be using a software package designed to reveal plagiarism. Students will be required to submit their work electronically and in hard copy so that it can be checked for academic dishonesty.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES E-MAIL COMMUNICATION POLICY

Effective September 1, 2010, it is the policy of the Faculty of Social Sciences that all e-mail communication sent from students to instructors (including TAs), and from students to staff, must originate from the student's own McMaster University e-mail account. This policy protects confidentiality and confirms the identity of the student. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that communication is sent to the university from a McMaster account. If an instructor becomes aware that a communication has come from an alternate address, the instructor may not reply at his or her discretion.

Email Forwarding in MUGSI:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/uts/support/email/emailforward.html>

*Forwarding will take effect 24-hours after students complete the process at the above link
(Approved at the Faculty of Social Sciences meeting on Tues. May 25, 2010)

MSAF

- The MSAF should be used for medical and non-medical (personal) situations.
- Approval of the MSAF is automatic (i.e. no documentation required)
- Rules governing the MSAF are as follows:
 - The timeframe within which the MSAF is valid has been reduced from 5 days to 3 days.
 - The upper limit for when an MSAF can be submitted has been reduced from 'less than 30%' to 'less than 25%' of the course weight.
 - The 'one MSAF per term' limit is retained.
 - As per the policy, an automated email will be sent to the course instructor, who will determine the appropriate relief. Students must immediately follow up with their instructors. Failure to do so may negate their relief.
- Policy: The MSAF policy can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar under General Academic Regulations > Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work or here:
http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=11&navoid=1698#Requests_for_Relief_for_Missed_Academic_Term_Work

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