

**Anthropology 2R03/Religious Studies 2MW3**  
**Religion, Magic and Witchcraft**  
**Winter 2019 –Tues., Weds., Fri. 12:30-1:20 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. 15):	35%
Book Test (Mar. 20):	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. 8 – Feb. 13 (inclusive). The final examination will **not** be cumulative; it will only include material covered after the Feb. 15 mid-term. The book test will be multiple choice format and 50 minutes in length and will cover only *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**

Tues. Jan. 8:           Introduction

Weds. Jan. 9:         The Anthropological Study of Religion  
**Read:** article by Eller in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*

- Fri. Jan. 11: The Anthropological Study of Religion  
**Read:** articles by Wagner and Moro in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Jan. 15: AV – *Friends of God*
- Weds. Jan. 16: Myth, Symbolism and Worldview  
**Read:** articles by Narayan and Sood, Geertz in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Fri. Jan. 18: Myth, Symbolism and Worldview  
**Read:** articles by Wolf, Daugherty in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Jan. 22: Ritual  
**Read:** articles by Turner (“Betwixt and Between”), Mason in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Weds. Jan. 23: AV – *The King Does Not Lie*
- Fri. Jan. 25: Ritual  
**Read:** article by Kapchan in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Jan. 29: Religious Specialists  
**Read:** articles by Turner (“Religious Specialists”), Vitebsky in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Weds. Jan. 30: Religious Specialists  
**Read:** article by Mullins in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Fri. Feb. 1: Altered States  
**Read:** articles by Greenfield, Harner and Hutson in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Feb. 5: AV – *John of God*
- Weds. Feb. 6: Illness, Healing and Religion  
**Read:** articles by Foster, De La Portilla in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Fri. Feb. 8: Illness, Healing and Religion  
**Read:** articles by Fadiman, Kenyon in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Feb. 12: AV – *Split Horn*

- Weds. Feb. 13:           Illness, Healing and Religion  
**Read:** article by Gilmore in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*  
*AV – Burning Man*
- Fri. Feb. 15:           **Mid-Term**
- Tues. Feb. 26:           Witchcraft, Sorcery and Divination  
**Read:** articles by Luhrmann, Gmelch, Thomas in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Weds. Feb. 27:           *AV – World of Witchcraft*
- Fri. Mar. 1:            Witchcraft, Sorcery and Divination  
**Read:** article by Hewlett et al. in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Mar. 5:           Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls  
**Read:** article by Norget in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*  
*AV – Day of the Dead*
- Weds. Mar. 6:           Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls  
**Read:** article by Brown in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Fri. Mar. 8:            Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls  
Brittany
- Tues. Mar. 12:          Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls  
Brittany
- Weds. Mar. 13:          Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls  
**Read:** article by Metcalf in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Fri. Mar. 15:           Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
- Tues. Mar. 19:          Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls  
**Read:** article by Conklin in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Weds. Mar. 20:          **Book Test on *Madumo: A Man Bewitched***
- Fri. Mar. 22:           Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
- Tues. Mar. 26:          Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls
- Weds. Mar. 27:          Death, Ancestors, Ghosts and Souls  
**Read:** article by Lock in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*

- Fri. Mar. 29: *I Wear the Veil*
- Tues. Apr. 2: Religion in a Changing World  
**Read:** article by Hoodfar in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Weds. Apr. 3: Religion in a Changing World  
**Read:** article by Juergensmeyer in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Fri. Apr. 5: Religion in a Changing World  
**Read:** articles by Buckser, Lewis in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*
- Tues. Apr. 9: Religion in a Changing World  
**Read:** articles by Erzen, Darlington in *Magic, Religion and Witchcraft*

**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 INTEGRITY POLICY**

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour 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 types of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, located at [www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity](http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity)  
The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

1. Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one’s own or for which other credit has been obtained.
2. Improper collaboration in group work.
3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

## **AVENUE TO LEARN**

In this course we will be using Avenue to Learn. Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure please discuss this with the course instructor.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students who require academic accommodation must contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. Academic accommodations must be arranged for each term of study. Student Accessibility Services can be contacted by phone 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or e-mail [sas@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sas@mcmaster.ca). For further information, consult McMaster University's Policy for Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities.

## **E-MAIL COMMUNICATION POLICY:**

Effective September 1, 2010, it is the policy of the Faculty of Social Sciences that all email 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.

## **MCMASTER STUDENT ABSENCE FORM**

The McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF) (<http://www.mcmaster.ca/msaf/>) is a self-reporting tool for Undergraduate Students to report MEDICAL absences that last up to 3 days and provides the ability to request accommodation for any missed academic work (that is less than 25% of the course grade). Please note, this tool cannot be used during any final examination period. You may submit a maximum of ONE Academic Work Missed request per term. It is YOUR responsibility to follow up with your instructor immediately regarding the nature of the accommodation. If you are absent for more than 3 days, exceed one request per term, are absent for a reason other than medical, or have missed work worth 25% or more of the final grade, you MUST visit your Faculty Office. You may be required to provide supporting documentation. This form should be filled out when you are about to return to class after your absence.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION FOR RELIGIOUS, INDIGENOUS OR SPIRITUAL OBSERVANCES (RISO)**

Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the RISO policy. Students requiring a RISO accommodation should submit their request to their

Faculty Office normally within 10 working days of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar's Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

**AODA**

If you require this information in an alternate/accessible format, please contact Marcia Furtado at 905-525-9140 extension 24423 or email [furtam1@mcmaster.ca](mailto:furtam1@mcmaster.ca)