

## Update Course Proposal - Religion Global South Asia

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<b>Special Topics</b>	No
<b>Department/Program</b>	Sociology
<b>Proposal Type</b>	Update Course
<b>Faculty Submitter</b>	Smriti Upadhyay
<b>Subject Code</b>	SOCY
<b>Course Number</b>	041
<b>Transcript Course Title</b>	Religion Global South Asia
<b>ORC/Catalog Course Title</b>	Religion in a Global South Asia
<b>ORC/Catalog Course Description</b>	<p>What are the social and political functions of religion? How does religion shape our everyday experiences and the way we make meaning of the world? What is the relationship between religion and structures of power? This course travels to South Asia to tackle these questions. South Asia is home to large populations of the world's major religions as well as many local and syncretic religious traditions, making the region an illuminating site for investigating religion from a sociological perspective. The semester will begin with the theoretical interventions from classical social theorists like Marx, Weber and Durkheim. We will then move to critical perspectives on the social functions of religion, which will be based on empirical material and analysis that is rooted in the context and experience of post-colonial societies in South Asia. Students will have the opportunity to develop critical perspectives on different facets of religion and their intersections with structures of power, including imperialism, colonialism, class, gender, and race.</p>
<b>First Term to be Offered</b>	Spring Term 2025
<b>Prerequisites</b>	
<b>World Culture</b>	Non-Western Cultures <del>Western Cultures</del>
<b>LRP</b>	No
<b>Distributives</b>	SOC
<b>Status</b>	Under Review by COI Approver

### Syllabus and Other Documents

#### Name

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