

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-230 Sociology of Religion

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-230	Sociology of Religion	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	SOC-101
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

This course studies religion as a social institution and the church as a social organization. Attention is given to the interrelations of religion, the other major institutions and the effect of religion on the individual.

### Prerequisites

SOC-101

### Topic Areas

1. Sociological Study of Religion
2. Religious Socialization
3. Religious Organizations
4. Participation and Leadership in Religious Groups
5. Current Trends in Religious Life
6. Fundamentalism as a Movement
7. Religion and Social Institutions
8. Religion and Social Stratification
9. Religion, Race and Ethnicity
10. Religious Minorities and Precarious Pluralism

### Readings and Resources

#### Required Textbooks

- McGuire, Meredith B. Religion: (1997). The Social Context.
- Casanova, Jose. Public Religions in the Modern World. (1994).

#### Recommended Reading

- Bird, John. (1999). Investigating Religion.
- Martin, David. A General Theory of Secularization. Basil Blackwell, (1978).
- Bellah, Robert Neely. Beyond Belief: Essay on Religion in a Post Traditional World. (1999).
- Eamiltom, Malcolm. Sociology and the World's Religions. (1998). Shupe, Anson and Hadden, Jeffrey K. eds. The Politics of Religion and Social Change. 3 vols. (1988).

- Arthur, Chris. ed. Religion and the Media: An Introductory Reader. (1993).
- Durkheim, Emile. The Elementary Forms of Religious Life. (1961).
- Weber, Max. The Sociology of Religion. Beacon, (1963).
- Sarup, Madan. Identity, Culture and Postmodern World. (1996).