

Module name	Sociology of religion
Erasmus code	
ISCED code	
Language of instruction	English
Website	
Prerequisites	None
ECTS points hour equivalents	Contact hours (work with an academic teacher): 30 Total number of hours with an academic teacher: 60 Non-contact hours (students' own work): 60 Total number of non-contact hours: 60 Total number of ECTS points for the module: 4 ECTS
Educational outcomes verification methods	Current assessment
Description	Sociology of religion studies the phenomenon of religion as a social fact. Classical sociologists have considered it as a tool of alienation (Marx) or, on the contrary, as a generator of social solidarity and integration (Durkheim), as well as a provider of meaning in human activities (Weber). Their successors creatively developed these fundamental insights. During the lectures will be presented the achievements of modern sociology of religion, including the study of ritual, magic and taboo, as well as the practical impact of soteriologies. In addition, issues of secularization and new religious movements will be discussed.
Reading list	1. Inger Furseth, Pål Repstad, <i>An Introduction to the Sociology of Religion. Classical and Contemporary Perspectives</i> , Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006 2. Malcolm Hamilton, <i>The Sociology of Religion. Theoretical and Contemporary Perspectives</i> , London: Routledge 1995, 2001
Educational outcomes	Knowledge Students know the main areas of research in sociology of religion. Students know the main currents, standpoints, and trends in the sociology of religion. Skills Students can reconstruct the major sociological theories of religion. Students are able to analyze critically the main tendencies in the sociology of religion. Attitudes Students appreciate the role of sociology in the study of religion Students acquire critical attitude towards the achievements of sociology of religion.
Practice	None