

Online Course for Fall 2014!

RELS/HUM 155: Pagan Traditions

Course Description:

Thematic & historical examination of localized religious traditions; e.g., Shamanic, Animistic, Polytheistic, Pantheistic. These traditions will be studied through their arts, music, myths, life patterns, cosmologies and contact between indigenous and universalizing religions.

This course will explore:

- ⊙ **indigenous religions, cultures & histories**
- ⊙ **the practices & perspectives associated with shamanism, animism, polytheism & pantheism**
- ⊙ **the history, development & practices of Wicca & other Contemporary Pagan religions in the U.S.**
- ⊙ **the intersections of religion & ecology**
- ⊙ **the integral role of myth, ritual, performance, & the creative arts in religion**
- ⊙ **what Pagan religions can teach us about the study of religion & the nature of religion in general**

Class Meets Fully Online: August 25, 2014-Dec 10, 2014

Course will include:

- **mandatory live/recorded online meetings**
- **plus readings, interactive discussion forums & a final paper**

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