

Course:

**PSYCH 221 Psychology of Religion**

2 hours

Departments/Programs:

Psychology

This course is designed to explore religious thought and behavior from a psychological perspective. Examination of the empirical research and predominate theories related to the function and structure of religiosity will be explored. General topics to be considered will include the nature of religiosity through the lifespan, the psychological understanding of religious phenomena such as conversion and mysticism, and the relationship between religiosity and coping, mental illness, personality, and social interaction.