

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

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Status: Permanent
Effective Term: Fall 2018

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Anthropology (ANT)
2. Course Number: 241
3. Course Title: Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion
4. Credit Hours: 3
5. Course Description: Anthropology of religious practices employed by both western and non-western people in dealing with adversity, misfortune, illness, life cycle rituals, and similar phenomena beyond human control. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals: The Course Goals will be met as measured by successful completion of the course and application of course concepts to the world at large.

C. Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. describe the major theories regarding the origin of religion.
2. define magic, myth, ritual, and symbol and describe their functions within the context of specific cultures.
3. identify the major forces of religious change and innovation within various cultural contexts.
4. explore the diversity of sickness and healing systems and the various practitioners that respond to illness.
5. analyze religious structures in the context of social control and social harmony.
6. explore selected culturally specific belief systems from a holistic perspective.
7. understand the diversity and complexity of various life cycle rituals worldwide.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment will include a variety of assessment techniques, including writing assignments.

E. Course Content will include:

1. Introduction, What is Anthropology?
2. The Concept of Culture
3. The Anthropology of Religion
4. Myth, Ritual, Symbolism & Taboo
5. Shamans, Priests, and Prophets
6. The Religious Use of Drugs
7. Ethnomedicine: Religion and Healing
8. Witchcraft and Sorcery
9. Demons, Exorcism, Divination, Magic
10. Ghosts, Souls, Ancestors
11. Old & New Religions – Salvation
12. The Occult: Paths to the Unknown