

RELIGION/SOCIOLOGY 468

Sociology of Religion

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Tue-Thur 2:00-3:20pm
HSH 303



Is the US becoming a post-religious society?
Why do so many young people have no religious affiliation at all?

Why talk about religion if everyone has their own spirituality?

How has conservative Protestantism changed US politics?

How and when do people in the US tell the difference between religion, politics and entertainment?

These are just a few of the questions sociologists ask about religion in the United States. This course shows you how society affects religious practice, and how practitioners experience their religions. We explore people being religious in varied ways, not only inside religious congregations but outside--at rock concerts, neighborhood meetings, five-kilometer runs, museum exhibits, or while storming the U.S. Capitol.



You don't need a sociology background to take this course—just curiosity and eagerness to discuss religion's role in society.