

COURSE SCHEDULE

**Note: This course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; the instructor reserves the right to change the schedule as necessary.*

Week 1 (Aug. 23): Introductions

Stout, "What is the Meaning of a Text?"

Week 2 (Aug. 30): Marx

Feuerbach, *Essence of Christianity*, Chapter 1, 1-32

Marx, "On the Jewish Question," in *Selected Writings*, ed. Lawrence H. Simon (Hackett, 1994), 1-26

Marx, "Toward a Critique of Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*: Introduction," in *Selected Writings*, 27-53

Althusser, "Ideology and Ideological State Apparatus"

[Sep. 6 – No Class (Labor Day)]

Week 3 (Sep. 13): Freud

Freud, "Obsessive Action and Religious Practice"

Freud, *Future of an Illusion* (excerpts)

Freud, *Totem and Taboo* (excerpts)

Ricoeur, *Freud and Philosophy*, Book I, pp. 1-56

Week 4 (Sep. 20): Durkheim

Durkheim and Pickering, *Durkheim on Religion*, pp. 102-166

Durkheim, *Elementary Forms of Religious Life* (excerpts)

Hubert and Mauss, *Sacrifice*, Chapters 1 and 6

Bataille, "Sacrifice"

Week 5 (Sep. 27): Weber

Weber, *The Sociology of Religion*, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 9, 10

Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Chapters 2 and 5

H. Richard Niebuhr, *Christ and Culture*, Chapter 1

Week 6 (Oct. 4): Nietzsche

Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morals*

Foucault, "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History"

Week 7 (Oct. 11): Culture and its Critics I

[Midterm Paper due today]

Levi-Strauss, *Structural Anthropology*, Chapters 9 and 11

Evans-Pritchard, *Nuer Religion*, Chapters 1 and 10

Geertz, "Religion as a Cultural System"

Geertz, "Deep Play: Note on the Balinese Cockfight"

Week 8 (Oct. 18): Culture and its Critics II

de Certeau, *Culture in the Plural*, Chapter 8

Abu-Lughod, "Writing Against Culture"

Masuzawa, "Culture"

Brightman, "Forget Culture"

Week 9 (Oct. 25): Asad

Asad, *Genealogies of Religion*

Asad, "Free Speech, Blasphemy, and Secular Criticism"

Week 10 (Nov. 1): Chidester

Chidester, *Savage Systems*

Pratt, *Imperial Eyes: Travel Writing and Transculturation*, pp. 1-11

Week 11 (Nov. 8): Orsi

Orsi, *Thank You, St. Jude*

Braude, "Women's History Is American Religious History"

Week 12 (Nov. 15): MacIntyre

MacIntyre, *Three Rival Versions of Moral Enquiry*

Zaman, *The Ulama in Contemporary Islam*, Intro and Chapter 1

[Nov. 22 – No Class (Thanksgiving Break)]

Week 13 (Nov. 29): Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh, *Torture and Eucharist*

Garces, "The Cross Politics of Ecuador's Penal State"

Week 14 (Dec. 6): Conclusions

Walzer, *Interpretation and Social Criticism*