### SOC 2209 Sociology of Religion

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Mon. & Wed: 01:00PM - 02:15PM

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**Description:** This course examines the role religious organizations play in social movements aimed at reducing human suffering.

**Required Text: Handbook of the Sociology of Religion (Paperback)** by Michele Dillon (Editor) : You’ll find a used version of this book on Amazon for as low as $8.

**Office Hours: Mon & Wed. 11:30am-12:30pm and by appointment. I am always available via email.**

**Course Requirements:**

***Exams:*** There will be 4 exams administered in this course. The questions on the exams will be taken from the readings, videos, & lecture. Students are responsible for all of the materials covered in the lectures and the text. Exams will consist of True/False & multiple choice questions. Four equally weighted exams will be administered this term. **There will be no make-up test if you miss the exam on the scheduled test date unless arrangements have been made prior to the test date**. If an alternate test date should become necessary, the test must be taken within 5 days of the originally scheduled date. Students will take all of the tests on the course canvas site. You will 3.5 hours to take the test. The test will shut down 3.5 hours after you begin your test. To take the test, you must follow the instructions listed below.

1. [go](http://www.wayne.edu) the canvas sight for the course

2. Click on the Quiz tab

3. Click on the appropriate quiz (i.e test #1, test #2, test #3, test #4)

4. Follow instructions and take test.

**No Make-up Exams:** No make-up exams will be given unless you have a serious emergency (i.e. illness, death). In such cases, you must contact me no later than the day of the exam to inform me of your situation and provide written documentation.

**Homework Assignment:** Each student is responsible for ***4 homework assignments***. Each Friday, I’ll email and/or post the questions that you are responsible for answering. To receive full credit, you are to email me your responses on the Friday following your homework due date. For example, if your homework is due on Monday Sept. 3 or Wed. Sept. 5, your homework is due on Friday Sept. 7.

**Late assignments are not accepted.**

**Student Presentations-Readings:**On the weeks that students are responsible for turning in homework, they are also responsible for answering, when called upon, homework questions in class.

**Attendance Policy*:*** 4 absences equals a half grade reduction, 6=full grade, 8=1.5 grade, more than 8=2 grade reduction.Be sure to sign the attendance sheet at each class session. I will excuse your absence in the case of serious illness, work requirements, or a family or personal emergency. However, you must notify me immediately of the reason for the absence, provide a note from your physician verifying your illness, or, in the case of another emergency, provide written verification of the problem. Students who add the class during late registration period will not be penalized.

**Grading Policy**:

Your grade will be based on the following scale:

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| **ACTIVITY** | **Percentage of Grade** |
| Test | 60% |
| Homework Assignment | 20% |
| Leading Class Discussion | 20% |

**Academic Standards**

**Academic Standards:** Students are expected to approach the course with seriousness and integrity. It is important to complete assignments on time, attend class regularly, and foster a collegial learning environment. Plagiarism and other instances of academic misconduct will result in a failing grade on the respective assignment. Students should refer to the *WSU Undergraduate Bulletin* and/or the *WSU Graduate Catalog* for clarification on the University’s policies and procedures.

**Class Outline**

Assignments: Tests / Assignments

Week 1: Introduction to the course

Wednesday, Aug. 29:

Week 2: What is sociology of religion?

Wednesday, Sept. 5:

**Readings:**

Chapter 4: Handbook of the Sociology of Religion

Chapter 2: Handbook of the Sociology of Religion

# Video

# Sociology of religion

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Liox9pVVuSA>

# Religion: Crash Course Sociology #39

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIgb-3e8CWA>

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Week 3: Theories of religiosity & secularization

Monday, Sept. 10:

Readings:

Chapter 9: Handbook of the Sociology of Religion

# Video:

# Sociology of Religion – Peter Kivisto

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9W0q6RqdV0>

Wednesday, Sept. 12:

**Readings**:

Chapter 7: Handbook of the Sociology of Religion

**Video:**

# Pew research: How the U.S. public became less religious

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykr4WeHaJNE>

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Week 4: Religion & Social Change

Monday, Sept. 17:

**Reading: Handbook of Sociology of Religion: Pg. 62-66 (Section on Founding Fathers)**

**Video:**

Is Religion the Opium of the People?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHxiMNvdWdA>

# Recalling Liberation Theology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sf2c3NfNYhc&t=53s>

# What is the Social Gospel?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lJzQNufJcMA&t=1s>

Wednesday, Sept. 19:

# Videos

# teleSUR Reports - The Rebel Theologian

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyxJaAlw8jU

# 10 Historic Social Gospel Leaders

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOetgRjRH3M

A Politically Engaged Spirituality

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XvGhii8xuE&t=282s

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Week 5, Sept. 24 & 26: Test 1

Week 6: Religion, Social Services, and Political Activism

Monday, Oct. 1:

**Reading**:

Congregations and Social Services

**Video**:

Habitat for Humanity Detroit | Transforming Neighborhoods

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBTLwqRpX7E>

# Faith Leaders on Los Angeles' Homelessness Crisis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFDfBJq3xMk

Wednesday, Oct 3:

**Reading**: Chapter 22: Handbook of Sociology of Religion

# Video:

# Why Churches Say No: The Challenges Faith-Based Initiatives Pose to Religion and Family

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2u28N84Muhg&t=2769s

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Week 7: Civil Rights Movement: Social Movement: South

Monday, Oct. 8:

**Video**:

Eyes on the Prize

**Reading**: Origins of the Civil Rights Movement Part 1

Wednesday, Oct. 10:

**Video**:

Spies in Mississippi

https://vimeo.com/64760874

**Reading**: Origins of the Civil Rights Movement Part 2

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Week 8: Faith-based community organizing

Monday: Oct. 15

**Reading**:

Chapter 26: Handbook of the sociology of religion

**Video**:

# Faith in Action: PICO Organizing Model

# https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wqTZXDrweM&t=52s

Wednesday, Oct. 17

**Video**

# PICO - A Community Organizing Introduction

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p678vM4TRes

# A Faith-Based Community Organizing Story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KNGHE53a6k

# The Micah Center Fall Kickoff

# https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlHly4w8Hes

# The Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.: What's the Connection?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELhVf7jNNUI&t=2s

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Week 9, Oct. 22 - 24: Test 2

Week 10: Anti-War Movement

Monday, Oct. 29:

**Video:**

Daniel Berrigan: Holy Outlaw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEOBwgZYVQU&t=1626s

# Firing Line with William F. Buckley Jr.: The Role of the Church Militant

## <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGvcHIWIK6E>

Wednesday, Oct. 31:

**Reading:**

# NYTIMES: Beliefs; Churches and ethicists loudly oppose the proposed war on Iraq, but deaf ears are many.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2002/09/28/us/beliefs-churches-ethicists-loudly-oppose->proposed-war-iraq-but-deaf-ears-are.html

# Video:

## Vietnam: A Television History; Homefront USA; Interview with William Sloane Coffin, 1982

http://openvault.wgbh.org/catalog/V\_62BAF2F6C7DA40698BAB5F18F72053F7

# The Religious Community and Drone Warfare

<https://vimeo.com/227077625?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode->201504&utm\_campaign=29220

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Week 11: Sanctuary Movement: Original

Monday, Nov. 5

# Video:

# El Norte Pelicula

# https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tiuRrsgMoME&t=5150s

# Watch first 15 minutes of movie

# Noam Chomsky - History of US Rule in Latin America

# https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKwJI9axblQ

# Watch from 20:25 to 45:40 minutes

# El Salvador War Documentaries

# https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvOFa-AWdJg

# Wednesday, Nov. 7

**Reading**: The Sanctuary Movement and Central American activism in LA

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Sanctuary Movement - Freeman Reports: Stacy Merkt

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTzXYrhqtHo>

# Watch 1st 30 minutes

# Carrah Q "The Sanctuary Movement and Why it Still Matters" April 2, 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcUzzgLOoxQ>

# Killed in El Salvador: An American Story | Retro Report | The New York Times

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8E\_-VwWXKLU

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Week 12: New Sanctuary Movement

Monday, Nov. 12:

**Video:**

# Aviva Chomsky - "Criminalization, Immigration, and Citizenship in the 21st Century"

# https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrS3lzNGJwA&t=1638s

# Wednesday, Nov. 14

# Reading:

# Church World Service: New Sanctuary Movement An ethical analysis of the ‘New Sanctuary Movement’

<https://religionnews.com/2017/03/19/analysis-new-sanctuary-movement/>

# Video

# Washington Post: What you need to know about the 'sanctuary movement'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzzI3TbV8MU

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly: Sanctuary Movement <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUzhG8kp8E8&t=3s>

Battle of Algiers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_N2wyq7fCE&t=4s>

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Week 13: Thanksgiving: Nov. 19 & 21

Week 14, Nov. 26 & 28: Test 3

Week 15: Poor People’s Movement: Original

Monday, Dec. 3

**Video**:

Eyes On The Prize - (Part 10) The Promised Land 1967–1968

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQJP0Yj5GO0**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQJP0Yj5GO0)

# Wednesday, Dec. 5

**Video:**

# The Poor People's Campaign Seeks To Complete Martin Luther King's Final Dream

<https://www.npr.org/2018/05/14/610836891/the-poor-peoples-campaign-seeks->to-complete-martin-luther-king-s-final-dream

**Readings:**

## Third Reconstruction Chapter

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Week 16 Dec. 10-18: Test 4