

MODULE CODE: HPRS4010
TITLE: New Religious Movements
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AIM(S)

- To familiarise students with the categorisation of religions and the phenomenon of the new religious movement (NRM).
- To introduce students to a variety of NRMs.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- Recognise the existence of a diverse collection of NRMs.
- Demonstrate some awareness of the various possible reasons for the emergence and growth of NRMs.
- Demonstrate awareness of the problems inherent in discussing NRMs.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Defining, categorising and studying religions.
- New Religious Movements (NRMs): definitions, approaches and sources.
- New religious movements in their social and popular cultural context.
- New religious movements that emerged from world's religions.
- New religious movements that emerged from psychology.
- New religious movements that emerged from UFO culture.
- New religious movements that emerged from fiction.
- NRMs and the academic study of religion.

LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGY

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	48	24
Independent learning	152	76
Placement learning		
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Report	2,000 words	50%

Assessment Component 2? **Written exam**? **Coursework**? **Practical**

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Report	2,000 words	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	100%
Practical	
TOTAL	100%

READING LIST

Module Code	HPRS4010	
Module TITLE	New Religious Movements	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Chryssides, George (1999) <i>Exploring New Religions</i> , London: Cassell.	?
Essential	Corrywright, Dominic and Peggy Morgan (2006) <i>Get Set for Religious Studies</i> , Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.	?
Essential	Davie, Grace (2015) <i>Religion in Britain: A Persistent Paradox</i> , Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell.	?
Essential	Nye, Malory (2003) <i>Religion: The Basics</i> , London: Routledge.	?
Essential	Oliver, Paul (2011) <i>New Religious Movements: A Guide for the Perplexed</i> , London: Continuum.	?
Further	Urban, Hugh B (2015) <i>New Age, Neopagan, and New Religious Movements: Alternative Spirituality in Contemporary America</i> : California: University of California Press.	?
Further	Barker, Eileen (1992) <i>New Religious Movements: A Practical Introduction</i> , London: HMSO.	?
Further	Barrett, David V (1998) <i>Sects, 'Cults' and Alternative Religions</i> , London: Blandford.	?
Further	Barrett, David V (2001) <i>The New Believers: a survey of sects, cults, and alternative religions</i> , London: Cassell.	?
Further	Chidester, D. (2005) <i>Authentic fakes: Religion and American popular culture</i> . Berkeley, Calif: University of California Press.	?
Further	Cusack, Carole M (2010) <i>Invented religions: Imagination, Fiction and Faith</i> , Farnham: Ashgate.	?
Further	Lewis, James R (2004) <i>The Oxford Handbook of New Religious Movements</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press.	?
Further	McLeod, Hugh (2010 [2007]) <i>The Religious Crisis of the 1960s</i> , Oxford: Oxford University Press.	?