



# Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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## Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

# Psychology of Religion

Course Code	G_BATRSAL058
Credits	6
Period	P1
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Religion and Theology
Course Coordinator	A. Foppen MA MSc.
Examiner	A. Foppen MA MSc.
Teaching Staff	A. Foppen MA MSc.
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Seminar

## Course Objective

After finishing this course, the student:

- knows and can explain those concepts and theories

that are central to the psychology of religion;

- can describe and evaluate the contribution of

psychological approaches to the study of lived religion and spirituality;

- can apply insights from the psychology of religion

(e.g., to a case);

- can describe and evaluate how religious and spiritual phenomena can be investigated empirically.

## Course Content

Why are people religious, and how do we give meaning to life?

This course is an introduction to the psychology of religion. We will discuss the main approaches, theories, and concepts of the psychology of religion and their significance for studying lived religion and spirituality. This discussion will also involve the primary empirical research methods used in the psychology of religion.

## Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures and seminars

## Method of Assessment

Written examination (60%) + two assignments (15% & 25%)