

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

## Religion studies 220 (REL 220)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Theology](#)

**Module credits** 20.00

**Programmes** [BEd Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching](#)

[BA Humanities](#)

[BA Languages](#)

[BA Visual Studies](#)

[BPolSci International Studies](#)

[BPolSci Political Studies](#)

**Service modules** Faculty of Education

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Afrikaans and English is used in one class

**Academic organisation** Theology Dean's Office

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Part 1: Myth, symbols and other phenomena

Religion in diachronic and phenomenological perspective; Cosmologies and theologies; Myth and narrative; Ritual; Spirituality; Offices; Symbolism and communication. The module will focus primarily on mythical motives and thought patterns in the Old and New Testaments. By means of a capita selecta the chosen texts are analysed within the timeframe and world view of their own origin.

Part 2: Ancient religions

The content, characteristics and influence of religions in the Ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean worlds will be studied: e.g. Egypt, Canaan, Mesopotamia, Greece etc. (A selection will be made every year.)

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