

Online Course @ SJSU for Fall 2015

RELS/HUM 155: *Pagan Traditions*

Course Description:

Thematic & historical examination of localized religious traditions; e.g., Shamanic, Animistic, Polytheistic, Pantheistic. These traditions will be studied through their arts, music, myths, life patterns, cosmologies and contact between indigenous and universalizing religions.

This course will explore:

- ⊙ **indigenous religions, cultures & histories**
- ⊙ **the practices & perspectives associated with shamanism, animism, polytheism & pantheism**
- ⊙ **the history, development & practices of Wicca & other Contemporary Pagan religions in the U.S.**
- ⊙ **the intersections of religion & ecology**
- ⊙ **the integral role of myth, ritual, performance, & the creative arts in religion**
- ⊙ **what Pagan religions can teach us about the study of religion & the nature of religion in general**

Class Meets Fully Online: August 20, 2015-Dec 8, 2015

Course will include:

- **weekly live/recorded webinars**
- **plus readings, videos, interactive discussion forums & a final paper**

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT HER WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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