# Course Calendar

## Weekly Schedule

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<td><strong>Take the online practice quiz</strong> to ensure your computer is compatible with the course</td>
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<td>Jan 6-12</td>
<td><strong>Required reading:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Return the signed agreement</strong> that you have read the course content and important folders by Jan 12 at 12:00</td>
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<td><strong>Complete the pre-course survey</strong> for Global Learning Initiative, due Jan 12 at 12:00</td>
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<td><strong>MODULE 2: PSI, Healing Through Mediums, Ethnobotany and Animals (Weeks 2-6)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Discussion #1</strong> due Jan 19 at 12:00 (on PSI)</td>
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<td><strong>Essay assignment #1</strong> Website Critique-see sites listed in course content; review critiques, due Jan 19 at 12:00 (250-word minimum)</td>
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### Week 3
Jan 20-26

**Required Reading:**

- Complete Smith’s memoir *Walking Through Walls*
- View “Spiritualism in the US” posted online in 4 parts (Part I-IV)

**Quiz #1** - New Age Concepts, PSI and glossaries (PPT Week 2), opens Jan 23 at 08:00, closes Jan 26 at 12:00

### Week 4
Jan 27-Feb 2

**Required Reading: Life Before Live by Jim B. Tucker**

**Discussion #2** due Feb 2 at 12:00 (Psychic healing)

**Essay Assignment #2** due Feb 2 at 12:00 (350-words from Smith’s Memoir)

### Week 5
Feb 3-9

**Required Reading and Viewing:**

- *Life Before Live by Jim B. Tucker*
- Bill Moyers 4 part series, “Healing and the Mind” on Mind-Body-Spirit Healing, volume I-IV

**Discussion #3** due Feb 9 at 12:00 (Mind-body-spirit healing)

**Quiz #2** PSI glossary and information-matching terms and definitions, opens Feb 6 at 08:00, closes Feb 9 at 12:00

### Week 6
Feb 10-16

**Required Reading:**

- PDF excerpts online from Susan McElroy’s *Animals as Healers,* Jeffrey Masson’s *When Elephants Weep,*” and *Healing Plants and Healing arts*” by Emma Sans and Alice Snow; PPT

**Live Chat #1** Thursday, Feb 13, 20:00-21:00 (8-9 PM) re: Psychic Healing of the mind-body-spirit

**Discussion #4** due Feb 16 at 12:00 (Animals as healers)

**Essay Assignment #3** due Feb 16 at 12:00, Beliefs in reincarnation from Tucker’s
## Module 3: Shamans (Weeks 7-11)

### Week 7 & 8  
**Feb 17-Mar 2**

**Required Reading and Viewing:**
- Shamanism by Piers Vitebsky
- View: “Fire on the Mountain”

**Midterm exam** opens Feb 19 at 08:00, closes Feb 23 at 12:00; 50 multiple choice/matching questions from weeks 1-6: New Age, PSI, glossaries, reincarnation, shamans, animals as healers

**Discussion #5** due Mar 2 at 12:00, (the shamanic experience worldwide)

### Week 9  
**Mar 3-Mar 9**

**Required Reading:**
- Complete Vitebsky’s text

**Discussion #6** - due Mar 9 at 12:00 (Shamanic trances and ethnobotany)

### Week 10  
**Mar 10-Mar 16**

**Spring Break**

### Week 11  
**Mar 17-23**

**Required Reading:**
- Somé’s *Of Water and the Spirit*

**Required Reading:**
- Skepticism is the topic for the live chat next week

**Quiz #3** Shamans (Vitebsky PPT and text), opens Mar 20 at 08:00, closes Mar 23 at 12:00

**Essay assignment #4** (Somé’s book, 350 words)
### WEEK CONTENT

**Module 4: Skeptics (Weeks 12)**

**Required Reading and Viewing:**

- PDF and articles on “Skeptics”
- View “Secrets of the Psychics” Parts I-IV (Randi the Great: skeptic James Randi) posted online
- PPT on skeptics

**Assignments / Assessments**

- **Discussion #7** due Mar 30 at 12:00 (Somé’s return to shamanism)
- **Quiz #4** Somé’s book opens Mar 27 at 08:00, closes Mar 30 at 12:00
- **Live Chat** – Thursday, Apr 3, 20:00-21:00 (8-9 PM) re: shamans, Somé and the skeptics

**Weeks 14-15**

- Select a book (from the list provided for the final essay assignment, critical review; see the folder and final essay assignment in the course content

**Assignments / Assessments**

- **Abstract, Outline, Bibliography due** Apr 11 (Friday) at 12:00 (see final essay, critical review assignment and folder for book list)
- **Discussion 8 (Skeptics v. believers)** due Apr 13 at 12:00

**Final Essay, Critical book review, 1,500-2,000 words** (from book list) Due Apr 20 at 12:00

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- **Final Essay, Critical book review, 1,500-2,000 words** (from book list) Due Apr 20 at 12:00

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- **Post-course survey due** Apr 20 at 12:00