



RLG 5384

Rasta, Vodou, Santeria

Section: U01

In Person

Fall Term 2026

Course Meeting Information

Monday-5 to 7:40pm

Course Prerequisites

Course prerequisites, if any, are listed below.

Course Description

An exploration of the histories, beliefs and practices of Haitian Vodou, Afro Cuban Religions and Rastafari

Textbook and Course Materials

The faces of the Gods: C

Subtitle: Upon completing this course, students will be able to: • familiarize

students with the origins (both historical and philosophical) ; •

Required/Recommended: Required

Authors: Leslie Desmangles

Publisher: University of North Carolina Press

Publication Date: 1992

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ISBN 10: 0807843938

ISBN 13: 9780807843932

Chapters/Pages: the entire book

Course Goals

Course enhances a historical and socio-anthropological analyses of African
Derived Religions of the Caribbean and North America

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

Students will be able to analyze the Place of Afro-Caribbean Religions in the
Caribbean and North America

Expectations of the Course

Regular attendance, seminar presentations, class discussions, end of semester
term paper.

Assignments & Assessments

Class Presentations, and Term papers

Grading

Scores from class assignment and term paper will be averaged to determine final
grade.

Schedule of Topics

Exploration of Relevant Theories, Vodou in Haiti, The Cuban Religious landscape, the Rastafari

Course Communication

Via Email.

Policies & Resources

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- Accessibility and Accommodations
- Online Etiquette
- Technical Requirements and Skills
- Computer & Digital Literacy Skills
- Course Technology Accessibility Statements and Privacy Policies
- Academic Integrity
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