

Course title	<i>Religious Diversity in contemporary plural societies</i>
Credits	6
University	UCM
Language of the course	English
Learning outcomes	<p>LO2. Students will have multidisciplinary knowledge and skills related to diversity and pluralism as a fundamental aspects and value of the European Union and European integration as well as of European states and societies, necessary to understand Europe as a complex set of plural societies in past and present times.</p> <p>LO4. Students will be able to grasp the need for a general knowledge of world religions and religious diversity through different conceptual, theoretical and methodological perspectives to analyze and understand the European Union, and consequently: use various conceptual frames, theoretical approaches and methodological tools; and, specially, utilize means of comparison to answer to which degree similarities and differences across Europe exist, and how they define Europe at large.</p> <p>LO6. Students will have developed a large set of transversal skills that they need to master in their future domestic and international work environments, with particular concern and sensibility for religious diversity in different daily life contexts.</p> <p>LO7. Students will have acquired analytical skills to conduct research under supervision, as well as present and report, clearly and comprehensively, both orally and in written form knowledge concerning questions of European Studies so that overall, students are able to formulate research questions, understand academic literature, collect and analyse data, critically reflect on research findings and weave this into the scientific-academic presentation of their own research results.</p>
Course objectives	<p>At the end of this course students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe and identify different religious traditions and communities through their beliefs and practices 2. Demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical and methodological tools for the autonomous study of religious diversity 3. Apply knowledge about the diversity of rituals and beliefs to specific contexts of diversity management and socio- cultural intervention and mediation
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diversity of religious practices, beliefs and communities. Structure and organization of traditional and contemporary plural religious fields. 2. Contemporary theories and methods in the study of religious pluralism in complex societies: secularism, post-secularism, spiritual revolution, economic theories applied to the religious behavior. 3. Comparative perspectives on the national and local regulations of religious freedom and anti-discrimination policies. Demands and controversies about religious communities and secularist actors. 4. Religious diversity accommodation issues and management tools for socio-cultural mediation and intervention. Inter- religious and inter-convictional dialogues. Good practices in religious diversity management and governance.
Work format(s)	<p>Teaching will consist of a combination of formats i.e. : lectures, hands-on workshops, discussion sessions, case reports and presentations. Students are expected to be present, demonstrate active participation during contact hours and prepare presentations and content for the discussion sessions.</p>

Manner of assessment	Oral examination, written examination 20% of the examination will be in oral format, 80% in written format.
Literature (required/ recommended)	<p>Becci, I., & Roy, O. (2015). Religious diversity in European prisons. <i>Challenges and Implications for Rehabilitation, Cham: Springer.</i></p> <p>Berger, P.L. (1963) "A market model for the analysis of Ecumenicity". <i>Social research</i>, 77-93.</p> <p>Bouchard, G., Taylor, Ch. (2008) <i>Building the Future. A time for reconciliation.</i> Gouvernement du Québec. Montreal.</p> <p>Bourdieu, P. (1971) "Genèse et structure du champ religieux", <i>Reveu Française du Sociologie</i>, vol. 12. Paris..</p> <p>Bruce, S. (1993). Religion and rational choice: A critique of economic explanations of religious behavior. <i>Sociology of Religion</i>, 54(2), 193- 205.</p> <p>Carrette, J. R., & King, R. (2005). <i>Selling spirituality: The silent takeover of religion.</i> Psychology Press.</p> <p>Casanova, J. (2011). <i>Public religions in the modern world.</i> University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>Clarke, P., ed. (2006) <i>Encyclopedia of New Religious Movements.</i> Routledge, London.</p> <p>Dawson, A. (Ed.). (2016). <i>The politics and practice of religious diversity: national contexts, global issues.</i> Routledge.</p> <p>Dobbelaere, K. (2000), "Toward a pillar organization". En Machacek, D. W. (2001). <i>Global citizens: the Soka Gakkai Buddhist Movement in the world.</i> Oxford University Press. Oxford.</p> <p>Ellwood, R. S. & Alles, G. D eds. (2007) <i>The Encyclopedia of World Religions.</i> New York: Facts on File.</p> <p>Fokas, E. (2015). Directions in religious pluralism in Europe: Mobilizations in the shadow of European Court of Human Rights religious freedom jurisprudence. <i>Oxford Journal of Law and Religion</i>, 4(1), 54-74.</p> <p>Forman, R. K.C. (2004), <i>Grassroots Spirituality: what it is, why it is here, where it is going,</i> Exeter: Imprints Academic</p> <p>Friedman, J. (2016). <i>Religious freedom and gay rights: emerging conflicts in the United States and Europe.</i> Oxford University Press. Heelas, P. & L. Woodhead (2008): <i>The Spiritual Revolution. Why religion is giving way to spirituality,</i> Oxford: Balckwell.</p> <p>Howard, E. (2017). <i>Freedom of expression and religious hate speech in Europe.</i> Routledge.</p> <p>Iannaccone, L. R. (1998). Introduction to the Economics of Religion. <i>Journal of economic literature</i>, 36(3), 1465-1495.</p> <p>Jackson, R. (2009). The Council of Europe and education about religious diversity.</p> <p>Koenig, M. (2007). Europeanising the governance of religious diversity: An institutionalist account of Muslim struggles for public recognition. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i>, 33(6), 911-932.</p> <p>Lofland, J. & Stark, R. (1965) "Becoming a World-Saver: A Theory of Conversion to a Deviant Perspective", <i>American Sociological Review</i>, 30:6.</p> <p>Turner, B. S. (2007). Managing religions: state responses to religious diversity. <i>Contemporary Islam</i>, 1(2), 123-137.</p>