Pilgrimage is found across numerous religious traditions and is also situated in many secular or non-religious spaces. This course explores the theoretical issues inherent in understanding these journeys as well as the rituals themselves. In addition to questions surrounding ritual, tourism, and sacredness, we will look at key pilgrimage sites and the individuals who visit them. This class places special emphasis on the traditions associated with Islam, from hajj to the tombs and funerary complexes associated with followers of Shi’a and tasawwuf (Sufi) expressions of Islam.