This course introduces students to various theoretical and methodological approaches to the academic study of religion. It aims to familiarize students with the diversity of religious experience and expression and to expose them to some of the methods and theories used to study and explain that diversity. Readings cover a range of topics and introduce students to influential thinkers, classic texts, and major theories and concepts in the study of religion. Various subjects are explored including magical healing and harming, witchcraft, symbolism, and ritual.