

RELG 366. RIVERS, RELIGION, AND ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH ASIA.

Credits: 3

Offered by: Religious Studies (Faculty of Arts)

This course is not offered this catalogue year.

Description

This class explores the significance of major South Asian river systems, including Ganges, Indus, Brahmaputra, and Yamuna, in classical and contemporary terms. In Hindu scriptures, rivers may be incarnate, emplaced goddesses; in contemporary South Asia, rivers are central to Hindu pilgrimage while facing environmental pressures from pollution, overuse, flooding, and drought. Finally, rivers of the Indian subcontinent cross and delineate international boundaries, creating friction between India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. As key lifelines shared in multi-religious South Asia, are rivers vulnerable wards of the state—or valuable ‘citizens’ who must be recruited to do their part?

- Prerequisite(s): RELG 252 or Permission of Instructor

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