All readings will be on electronic reserve, with the exception of items marked with an asterisk (*).

**Course Requirements:** Regular, active attendance at all scheduled meetings is required. Absences will affect your grade. Attendance at weekly discussion sections with the teaching assistant are similarly an integral and required element of the course. Readings should be done thoroughly and carefully before (and, also, it is to be hoped) after the class in which it is to be discussed. There are two exams: one in-class and one take-home. There may be occasional quizzes, as needed.

**Schedule of Meetings:**

1 October 2012: Organizational/Introductory Meeting  
Reading(s): none

3 October 2012: Natural Religion through Immanuel Kant  
Reading(s): *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*, pp. 3–13, 139–90  
Edward, Lord Herbert of Cherbury, *De Veritate*, pp. 289–307

8 October 2012: David Hume  
Reading(s): “A Natural History of Religion” (entire: in three files)

10 October 2012: Friedrich Schleiermacher  
Reading(s): *On Religion*, pp. 77–95, 189–223

15 October 2012: Ludwig Feuerbach and Karl Marx  
Marx, “Contributions to a Critique of Hegel’s Theory of Right,” “Concerning Feuerbach,” and “On the Jewish Question”

17 October 2012: F. Max Müller  
Reading(s): “The Perception of the Infinite” (*Lectures on Origin and Growth*, pp. 1–51)  
“Forgotten Bibles” (from *Last Essays*, pp. 1–35)

22 October 2012: C. P. Tiele  
Reading(s): *Elements of the Science of Religion*, pp. 1–57, 155–181, 208–236

24 October 2012: Edward B. Tylor  
Reading(s): “Religion of the Savages”  
*Primitive Culture*, vol I, pp. 1–25 and vol. II, pp. 443–453
29 October 2012: William Robertson Smith and James George Frazer
   Reading(s): Robertson Smith, *Lectures on the Religion of the Semites*, pp. 1–27

31 October 2012: Emile Durkheim
   Reading(s): *Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, pp. 13–63 and 462–96

5 November 2012: In-class Midterm Exam
   Reading(s): none

7 November 2012: Max Weber
   Reading(s): *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (entire)

12 November 2012: Psychological Perspectives ([Nietzsche/]Freud/Leuba)
   Reading(s): Sigmund Freud, *Future of an Illusion* (entire)

14 November 2012: William James
   Reading(s): *Varieties of Religious Experience*, pp. 3–76 and 475–509

19 November 2012: No class (AAR Conference)

21 November 2012: No class (Thanksgiving)

26 November 2012: Rudolf Otto

28 November 2012: Gerardus van der Leeuw

3 December 2012: Joachim Wach & Mircea Eliade
   Reading(s): *Introduction to the History of Religions*, pp. 159–67, 3–52
   “Universals in Religion”
   *Myth of the Eternal Return* (or, *Cosmos and History*), pp. 3–48, 141–62
   “History of Religions and a New Humanism”
   “Foreword” to *Shamanism*

5 December 2012: Concluding discussion
   *Take-home Final Exam papers distributed*
   Reading(s): none

**Final Exams due in Swift 204 by noon Monday, December 10th**
Bibliography of Course Readings


