

# Online Course Catalogue

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Study Field</u>	<u>University</u>
<b>Psychology of Religion, Peace, and Violence</b>	<b>Social Sciences, journalism and information</b>	<b>Abo Akademi University</b>

<b>CHARM priority field</b>	Faculty	Number of credit points:
<b>European values, culture and language;</b>	<b>Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies</b>	<b>5</b>
	Department	
	<b>The Open University of Åbo Akademi University</b>	
Course code	Study Level:	Name of instructor(s):
<b>705973.0</b>	<b>MA/MSc</b>	<b>Nazia Nazar</b>

## Short description of the course

The aim of the course is to cover the relationship between religion, peace and violence, which is a complicated and debatable question. Some scholars argue that religion is inherently violent and a major cause of conflict in the world, while others believe that religion has little to do with violence, and is being used as an excuse to hide the real motives of the political and economic actors in the power politics. It will be discussed whether religion it can be a source of peace, reconciliation and conflict resolution, and if there is a universal message of all the religions that could unite humanity.

## Full description of the course

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/705973.0/2807?period=2022-2024>

## Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the learner will be able to think critically over the relationship between religion, peace and violence. They will acquire a general understanding of the psychology of religion and how it interacts with violence and peace. They will describe, analyse, and evaluate the current events related to religion, violence and peace. Eventually, they will get a deeper understanding of the interplay between religion and politics, as well as about the possibility of interfaith harmony and peace.

## Additional information

Course requirements  
**No previous knowledge needed.**

Time zone  
**CET +1 (Finland)**

Language of instruction  
**English**

Mode of delivery:  
**fully online (all students participating online), at specific time (= synchronous)**

Start date of course:  
**9/24/2024**

Planned educational activities and teaching methods  
**Lectures (on Zoom), group work**

End date of course:  
**2024-08-10 00:00:00**

Learning Management System  
**Moodle and Zoom**

Contact hours per week for the student:  
**6h 30 minutes**

Assessment methods  
**written exam**

Specific regular weekly teaching day/time  
**Tue 24.9 16-19.30 pm, Thu 26.9 16-19 pm,  
Tue 1.10 16-19.30 pm, Thu 3.10 16-19 pm,  
Tue 8.10 16-19 pm**

Certification  
**Transcript of records**

Course literature (compulsory or recommended):  
**Online, available in Moodle**

Number of places available for CHARM students  
**15**

## Other relevant information

None

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