

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIONS AND CULTURES



RELI 233/2 – A

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INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN AND RELIGION

Does studying religion necessarily lead us to Men?

In **INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN AND RELIGION**, we will concentrate on the specific ways in which women and girls experience their own religiosity, express their own beliefs and practices. By examining women's religious lives, both ancient and contemporary, well-known or unfamiliar, we will encounter a wide range of diverse roles and responsibilities.

We will face many interesting and suggestive issues. We will have questions not all of which can be answered. Our primary objective is to learn *how* to think about the many ways in which women experience religion and how these experiences are presented by various authors. Is religion a source of strength or oppression for women? Is there one answer to these questions?

The importance of this course is to open ourselves up to thinking about gender and religion in new ways and to hear divergent voices as sources of insight.