

## *Myth and Ritual*

*Texas A&M (Central Texas)*

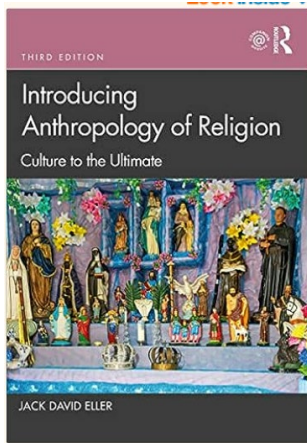
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*Our class runs from August 28<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>.*

This is an online asynchronous class. Assignments, expectations, and requirements will be posted each Sunday and students will be required to complete the assignments and expectations by the following Sunday at 11:59pm.

### Required textbook for this course:



**Title: Introducing Anthropology of Religion; Culture to the Ultimate by Jack David Eller**

- **ISBN-10** : 103202304X
- **ISBN-13** : 978-1032023045



expected as far as your written assignments go. Be sure to include a thorough amount of personal reflection and perspective in your writing pieces. You are required to summarize the article, however your response paper is expected be just that and not only a regurgitation of what you have read.

**\*In order to earn full credit, you are required to cite information from at least two outside sources in your summary critique/textbook written response assignments. Review the expectations and the “Rubric for written assignments” before beginning.**

**\*The weekly breakdown of course material and topics below is only meant to give you a general overview of the course material. Please refer to the weekly requirements and expectations that are posted on canvas for the specific week by week instructions, requirements, and expectations.**

### **Weekly Schedule Breakdown:**

**Week 1: Introductions and Examining the Study of Myth and Ritual**

**Week 2: Beliefs, Beings and Bodies**

**Week 3: Symbols, Specialists, and Substance**

**Week 4: Religious Language: Words of Truth, Words of Power**

**Week 5: Ritual: Religion in Action**

**Week 6. Religion and Morality: Forming Society, Transforming Self**

**Week 7. Religion, Medicine, and Wellness**

**Week 8. Religious Change and New Religious Movements**

**Week 9. Translocal or "World" Religions**

**Week 10. Religious Fundamentalism**

**Week 11. Religious Violence**

**Week 12. Thanksgiving week -Extra Credit Assignment**

**Week 13: Secularism and Irreligion**

**Week 14: Trends in religiosity in U.S. and around the world**

**Week 15 Final Exam**

