



# Faculté de philosophie et lettres

## FLTR

HIST2590 Recherches socio-religieuses

[30h] 3.5 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2004-2005, 2006-2007,...

This course is taught in the 1st semester

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**Language:** french  
**Level:** 2nd cycle course

### Aims

By the end of this instruction, the student will be initiated into problematics and methods affording him an historical approach to the religious factor in society.

### Main themes

We examine successively :

- the interest of socio-religious research in history;
- the positions of founders and contemporary researchers in religious sociology;
- the major themes and methods of socio-religious research;
- scientific production in the area of socio-religious history;
- methods of analysing socio-religious speech.

### Content and teaching methods

After describing the theories of the founders of religious sociology (Comte, Marx, Engels, Durkeim, Weber, etc...), guided by the work of contemporary sociologists, we shall specify a few models for analysing the structures of religious groups and the function of religion in society. We shall then pass scientific production in the domain of socio-religious history in review, ranging from quantitative studies to recent works on the religious experience; we shall examine the sources used and the methods perfected for those works. Finally, we shall present a method for analysing religious discourse. This course combines formal lectures (+/- 20h) with exposé-debates.

### Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Evaluation : Oral examination.

Teaching materials : Student notes.

### Other credits in programs

<b>HIST21</b>	Première licence en histoire	(3.5 credits)
<b>HIST22</b>	Deuxième licence en histoire	(3.5 credits)