Required Books


Additional readings (available on Canvas or online)


James, Williams. *Varieties of Religious Experience,* Lectures I-V.


[https://archive.org/stream/theideaoftheholy00ottouoft/theideaoftheholy00ottouoft_djvu.txt](https://archive.org/stream/theideaoftheholy00ottouoft/theideaoftheholy00ottouoft_djvu.txt)


Tylor, E. B. Selections from Primitive Culture https://archive.org/stream/primitiveculture01tylouoft/primitiveculture01tylouoft_djvu.txt


**Recommended**

A social scientific research book covering qualitative methods (and also quantitative and mixed methods, if you are interested). These books tend to be very expensive, but some are available used. Some appropriate books include:


Focused on religion and especially helpful.


Has a section on aesthetics and arts, which may be especially helpful for some of you.

Neuman, Lawrence. Social Science Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches. Pearson, various editions.

A basic guide to both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Another basic guide, including mixed methods.


Only addresses qualitative research, but offers a good variety of models.


A detailed discussion of diverse qualitative research methods, including some that are especially relevant to religion, e.g. narrative and discourse analysis.


The most detailed, and includes some theoretical perspectives that are not addressed in the other books, e.g. grounded theory, which may be especially useful in religion.


The classic introduction to grounded theory, in which theory is generated from data.

Holton, Judith and Isabelle Walsh, *Classic Grounded Theory: Applications With Qualitative and Quantitative Data.* Sage, 2016.

Focuses only on grounded theory, but is broad enough that it will be generally useful.


Similar to the previous book.