

RELI 1730 B & V Final Exam Guide

Your final exam has four sections. The sections are outlined below:

Section One, Multiple Choice (1 X 30 = 30 marks)

Section one is comprised of thirty multiple choice questions. These questions are drawn from lectures and readings from March 3 to the final lecture. I have collected all of the relevant slides for the multiple choice section into Topic Six on CUlearn.

How best to study for multiple choice questions:

Most multiple choice questions are developed from linking names, terms and concepts together. Try to generate a list of names, terms, schools of thought and concepts and be sure to understand what aspects of your list connect with other aspects of it. I do not generate questions based on specific dates, but I may ask chronologically related questions (i.e., the first person to argue for 'x' was).

Section Two, Case Studies (2 X 5 = 10 marks)

Section two has three questions based on case studies we have examined since the second test. You are asked to answer two of the three questions. The case studies subject to the exam have been taken from Kessler and the additional case studies on religion and the law in Canada that I presented in lectures. Strong answers will demonstrate a detailed and accurate knowledge of the case studies as will they apply the information in Kessler's chapters to the case study. If it is a myth, for instance, what kind of myth is it, what theories of myth could one apply to it and so on.

Section Three, Essay on notions of the secular and the interrelationship between religion and politics (1 X 10 = 10 marks).

This essay question will ask you to discuss various ideas of the secular (in all of its forms) and how these ideas relate to religion and politics (issues of religious freedom and so on). Strong answers will provide concrete examples drawn from class material (lectures and readings) to support their points as will they be clearly structured discussions. In all cases provide as much detail and context as possible and be sure to explain your reasoning.

Section Four, Essay on why is religion so hard to define? (1 X 10 = 10 marks)

This question reads as follows: "In an essay format present a discussion and analysis explaining why religion is so difficult to define. Your discussion should demonstrate a sophisticated knowledge of various approaches to defining religion and the various strengths and weaknesses of various approaches. Your answer also needs to include specific examples drawn from class lectures and readings and it **must** include specific references and examples drawn from the case studies we have examined in the course. In all cases provide as much detail and context as possible and be sure to explain your reasoning."