

RLST100 Field Research Contract

Assignment Overview **2 marks**

Your task is to *observe* a religious ritual and then *interpret* the data that you collect. Specifically, you are to write an analysis that applies ideas from Malory Nye's "Ritual" chapter in the Additional Readings to observations from your visit to a religious ritual. More details on the assignment will be provided later on URCourses.

Contract Instructions:

- Form a group of **two or three**. Decide on a particular religious tradition (e.g., Hinduism, Islam, etc.) that interests everyone in the group, and to which no one in the group belongs (no one should know much at all about this tradition; the less you know, the easier the assignment).
- Decide which theory of ritual each person will use for the analysis. **Each group member MUST select a DIFFERENT theory**. If the group has only two members, pick just TWO of the three theories in total. (No one will write on the third.)
- Find a religious site accessible to everyone in the group. Choose a date and time that fits everyone's schedule when a **service** will take place at the site you've picked. You should contact the site to find out when services take place (websites are also helpful, but the information on them is not always reliable).
- Print this contract, fill in the information below, and upload a scanned copy (or photo) of the contract to URCourses by 11:59pm on Saturday, Oct 5.**
- If you submit the contract on time you will receive 100% on this assignment. **If your contract is late, even by one minute, you will receive a grade of zero. No contracts will be accepted late.**
- Important!** EVERY student in the group must upload the contract to URCourses.
- Once this contract is submitted, you are obligated to visit the specified site on the specified date and time. You may only make changes to your plan if EVERYONE in the group agrees to those changes. Make sure that you have this agreement in writing (e.g., email correspondence). In the event of any disputes, and in the absence of written evidence, the submitted contract will be considered final.
- If you fail to meet any of the contract obligations (which may include changes agreed upon, in writing, by all members of the group) **you may be penalized up to 2 marks** (out of 3) on your grade for the Field Notes and Group Photo, unless you can provide acceptable supporting documentation.
- Don't forget: when you attend the service, you must take a **photo** of the group at the religious site (inside if it is allowed; otherwise outside in front of the building). This photo must be submitted to URCourses **Wednesday, Nov 13**.

Religion (e.g., Buddhism)	Name of the Site (e.g., Holy Rosary Cathedral)	Address (include street number)	Date and Time of Visit
Sikhism	Gurdwara Sahib Regina	3905 Princess Dr, Regina, SK S4S 0H9	October 27, 2019

Student Full Name	Student Number	Theory of Ritual
Vaibhav Sharma	200365101	Anand Karaj (Wedding)
Arkamita Singha Roy Choudhary	200372533	Bandi Chhor Divas (Yearly Event)

Agreement: Each student above who submits this form to Blackboard agrees to visit the specified site with their group on the date indicated, and to use theories from the selected chapter to analyze their observations.

Student Signature: _____

Vaibhav Sharma *AK*