

**The Faith & Globalisation Initiative's Intensive Summer Course**  
**"RELIGIOUS MINORITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS"**  
**McGill University**  
**Summer 2012**  
**July 9-20**

The Tony Blair Faith Foundation (TBFF) is pleased to announce its first annual "Faith & Globalisation Intensive Summer Programme," on the topic of Religious Minorities and Human Rights, at McGill University, in Montreal, QC, from **July 9-20, 2012**.

**Description:** This course explores contemporary issues, tensions and conflicts surrounding the rights of religious minorities. Despite the foundational significance of religious freedom for the human rights tradition, the rights of religious minorities have become an area of increasing political and legal contestation in modern societies. Scholars and public policy experts continue to struggle with the intractable challenges posed by religious diversity for liberal multicultural theory and practice.

The course examines:

- contemporary legal, philosophical and theological debates on the relationship of religion, rights, and the law in democratic societies;
- the historical evolution of the international conversation on religious minorities and human rights
- how the focus on religious minorities shapes/changes or problematizes the questions we ask about religions and human rights;
- the diverse contributions of the major world religions and their approaches to religious minorities;
- specific case studies of religious minorities in North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.
- conflicts between religion and other rights claims: gender equality, freedom of expression, sexual orientation, education, proselytism, collective religious rights, among others.

**Criteria for Applicants**

We are inviting undergraduate and graduate students from all Faith & Globalisation Initiative (FGI) partner universities. While the application is open to all, preference will be given to current and previous Faith & Globalisation students.

All students will receive three academic credits from McGill University for this course.

**Application Procedure**

Please submit applications [here](#) by **26 March 2012**, with the following:

- 500 word statement of interest
- CV and/or Academic Transcript

### **Fees**

The TBFF will arrange and cover costs for the airfare and the accommodation of 3 applicants from each university. Tuition for the class is approximately **\$1600 (CAD)**, though certain universities may have pre-existing exchange agreements with McGill that alter this.<sup>1</sup> Students will be responsible for costs of tuition and any additional living expenses.

### **Visas**

Students from outside Canada will require a study visa to enter the country (including students from the United States). Students will be responsible for obtaining their own visas. **Please note that the visa application process could take anywhere from 2-3 months, so please plan accordingly.**

To apply for a study visa, please contact the Canadian Office of Citizenship and Immigration:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp>

Successful candidates will be notified by **16 April 2012**

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<sup>1</sup> National University of Singapore, Tecnológico de Monterrey & UWA currently have exchange agreements with McGill. If you are a student at one of these universities, please check with your study abroad office to see if there are bursaries and/or other options regarding tuition.