

**CATH 370- RELG 315**

# INDIGENOUS RELIGIOSITY & SPIRITUALITY



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### **Course Description:**

Though institutional religions like Christianity and Islam have made major inroads into many parts of the world, indigenous belief systems have endured and, in many contexts, are experiencing renewal and revitalization. In this course, we will study the nature, characteristics, and practices of indigenous religiosity and spirituality from an African perspective. The course also examines the complex and evolving debates over the significance of African traditional

religions, especially in the encounter with diverse historical forces. The primary focus will be the Igbo of Southeastern Nigeria, and precisely on the cultural, religious, and socio-political context of the interaction between Christianity and their indigenous belief system. Attention will be paid to the similarities and differences with other indigenous religiosities and spiritualities, particularly within the Canadian context.