



DAVIS UNIVERSITY

COURSE SYLLABUS
HUM136: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD
SUMMER QUARTER 2025

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CREDIT HOURS: 5 CREDITS

INSTRUCTOR:

INSTRUCTOR EMAIL:

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a study of the world's most popular and influential religions. Their history, basic tenets, and faith practices are examined. We will also examine what it means to have a religious experience.

TEXT: *The World's Religions (50th anniversary edition)*. Author: Huston Smith Edition: 50th anniversary edition Copyright: 1991 Publisher: Harper Collins ISBN: 9780061660184. Any additional material (cf. handouts, essays) will be supplied by the professor.

LATE WORK POLICY: All students are expected to submit homework assignments electronically on the date specified on the syllabus. No late homework will be accepted and the student will receive a "0" (zero) for the homework assignment. Should the student refuse to complete the assigned work for the class, it could result in the student failing the class. All work assigned is expected to be completed on the date assigned. The instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary. Please be sure to check your email/Moodle for any changes to the schedule.

PLAGIARISM AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICY: Work that is found to be plagiarized receives a grade of zero and often causes a student to fail a class. Documentation of plagiarism is added to the student's academic file as a violation of accepted student conduct and is subject to disciplinary action. Plagiarism is the use of another person's exact words, or their ideas written in the student's words without giving the original author credit.

Plagiarism can result from any of the following:

- Quote material directly without using quotation marks.
- Paraphrase the original so that many of the phrases are the same as the original. A good rule is no more than 3 or 4 words in a row should be the same as the original.
- Copy the original sentence pattern, substitution synonyms for key words.
- Neglect to indicate the source of the original material.

ASSESSMENTS:

Content

Participation	10%
Research Paper	20%
Midterm Exam	35%
Final Exam	35%
Total	100%

COURSE GRADE: A = 93%-100%

B = 85%-92%

C = 77%-84%

D = 70%-76%

F = below 70%

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

(Subject to change)

Week	Content Covered	Assignments & Assessment Due
Week 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction to the course, what is religion/the sacred and the profane/ types of religion/defining religion● Hinduism	
Week 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Buddhism● Confucianism● Taoism	Midterm exam- Friday
Week 3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Judaism● Christianity● Read creation passages	Research paper- Friday
Week 4:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Islam● The Primal Religions● Nacerima Reading	
Week 5:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rastafarianism readings● Scientology readings● Voodoo and Santeria readings	Final Exam- Friday