



DAVIS UNIVERSITY

COURSE SYLLABUS

HUM136: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

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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: A Concise Introduction to World Religions (3rd Edition), 2015, by Willard G. Oxtoby, Roy C. Amore, Amir Hussain, and Alan Segal (eds.), Oxford University Press, ISBN: 9780199008551

Additional material will be supplied by the professor.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

1. Grasp familiarity with the philosophy and doctrines common in many world religions, including the Roman Catholic Church, Judaism and Islam.
2. Achieve a greater understanding of the traditions and history of the Roman Catholic Church.
3. Achieve a greater understanding of the traditions and history of Judaism and Islam.

4. Develop an in-depth understanding of the most influential people in the largest and oldest religions, including Jesus and the 12 Apostles (Catholicism), Moses, Abraham (Judaism) and Muhammad (Islam).
5. Build an understanding of other religions and religious practices in today's world.

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.

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- Copy the original sentence pattern, substitution synonyms for key words.
- Neglect to indicate the source of the original material.

ASSESSMENTS:

Content

Eight Module Quizzes	10%
Midterm Exam	30%
Research Paper	30%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

COURSE GRADE:

A+ = 97%–100%	C+ = 77%–79%
A = 93%–96%	C = 73%–76%
A– = 90%–92%	C– = 70%–72%
B+ = 87%–89%	D+ = 67%–69%
B = 83%–86%	D = 63%–66%
B– = 80%–82%	D– = 60%–62%
	F = Below 60%

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:

(Subject to change)

Module/Units	Content Covered	Assignments & Assessment
Module 1	<p><u>Studying Religion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to the course, what is religion, the sacred and the profane, basic patterns across religious traditions, key guidelines for studying religion ● "About Religion," pp. 3–28 	Quiz 1
Module 2	<p><u>Hindu Traditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Hindu Traditions," pp. 281–335 ● "The Creation Hymn, Rig Veda 10.129, p. 287 ● "Bhagavad Gita," p. 293 ● "Tiruvaymoli," p. 310 	Quiz 2
Module 3	<p><u>Buddhist Traditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Buddhist Traditions," pp. 379 – 437 ● "The Dhammapada," p. 385 ● "A Woman's Compassionate Wisdom," p. 389 ● "Pure Land Buddhism: Honen's Testament," p. 409 	Quiz 3
Module 4	<p><u>Chinese and Korean Traditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Chinese and Korean Traditions," pp. 479–538 ● "On the Mandate of Heaven," p. 485 ● "From the Sutra in Forty-Two Sections," p. 499 ● "The Holy Mother of Mount Fairy Peach," p. 531 	Quiz 4 Midterm Exam
Module 5	<p><u>Jewish Traditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Jewish Traditions," pp. 91–146 ● "The Tanakh," p. 95 ● "The Decalogue (Ten Commandments)," p. 101 ● "From Maimonides, Guide of the Perplexed: On Image and Likeness," p. 119 ● "The Shema," p. 132 	Quiz 5

<p>Module 6</p>	<p><u>Christian Traditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Christian Traditions," pp. 174–209 ● "Julian of Norwich," p. 179 ● "Teresa of Avila, from the Interior Castle," p. 190 	<p>Quiz 6</p>
<p>Module 7</p>	<p><u>Muslim Traditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Muslim Traditions," pp. 219 – 275 ● "A Hadith (Saying) of the Prophet Muhammad," p. 220 ● "From the Qur'an: Abraham Destroys the Idols," p. 227 ● "Rabi'a al-'Adawiyah," p. 248 ● "Jalal al-Din Rumi," p. 250 	<p>Quiz 7 Research Paper</p>
<p>Module 8</p>	<p><u>New Religious Movements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "New Religions and Movements," pp. 579–612 ● "Nichiren 'On Attaining Buddhahood in This Lifetime,'" p. 581 ● "From The Book of Mormon, Chapter 1," p. 588 ● "Elijah Muhammad on the True God and the Tribe of Shabazz," p. 594 ● "L. Ron Hubbard in the Benefits of 'Clearing,'" p. 603 	<p>Quiz 8 Final Exam</p>