

## Comparative Religions - Fall 2022

Fall C (Aug. 15 - Dec. 8)

### I. Course Information

Course Title: Comparative Religions	Course No. and Section: REL2300-74
Credit Hours: 3	Instructor Name: Patrick Bailey
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### II. Course Description

**Comparative Religions** is a course about the historical origins, central teachings, and devotional practices of the major world religions. These are considered in relation to common themes of human experience from many perspectives. The goals of the course are to impart understanding of the essential doctrines and institutions of the world's religions; to identify similarities and differences of thought and practice among the traditions; and to clarify and articulate one's own religious attitudes and orientations in the context of comparative study.

**Required Text:** RELG: World      **Edition** 4th (2020)      **Author:** Van Voorst, Robert E.      **ISBN:** 1337405043

Required Materials: internet access and textbook      Optional Materials: nil

### III. Student Learning Outcomes/Course Objectives

Learning Outcome	Quiz	Exam	Project	Classroom Activity
<b>Communication: The student will read and write effectively.</b>				
1. Read materials and effectively understand essential facts and concepts.		X		X
2. Global Socio-Cultural Responsibility: The student will be an informed and responsible citizen in social, cultural, and global matters.		X		X
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the values and expressions of other cultures that arise from human experience.		X		X
4. Recognize complex cultural and political forces that create societies as well as how these forces shape personal identity.		X		X
<b>Computer &amp; Information Skills: The student will be able to evaluate the importance of technology and its applications.</b>				
1. Organize data or information using appropriate electronic media.				X
2. Access, research, and retrieve information using the Internet.				X

### IV. Assessment

**Tests and Final Exam:** There are no tests for this course, including no Final Exam. However, all college students are required to meet at the scheduled final exam time:

**Assessments:** There are assessments given to review course content on a regular basis. These are based on the

content in the text and account for most of the overall semester grade (see below for actual percentage). Assessments are delivered online and include multiple-choice, true/false, etc., but can also include various student projects. Late work: see Make-up policy (below)

**Participation:** Participation is based on the overall number of assignments completed for the semester.

**Grading scale:** A 100-90 B+ 87-89 B 80-86 C+ 77-79 C 70-76 D 60-69 F 59 and Below

**Make-up policy (Module Assignments and Writing Assignments):** There is no makeup or late work for module assignments without some sort of verifiable documentation. An emailed excuse does not constitute documentation. Examples of “verifiable documentation” are signed doctors notes on a company letter head with contact information, police reports, dated computer repair bills, emails directly from Internet Service Provider support email addresses, etc.

**Grading procedures:**

Module Assessments = 130 points

Unit Reviews = 60 points

Writings = 210 points

Participation = 50 points

**V. Course Schedule/Outline**

Date	Topic	Content	Text Readings
Wk 1: 8/15	Course Intro The Study of Religion	Getting Started Unit 1, Module 1	n/a Chapter 1
Wk 2: 8/22	Indigenous Religions	Unit 1, Module 2	Chapter 2
Wk 3: 8/29	Hinduism	Unit 1, Module 3	Chapter 3
Wk 4: 9/05	Jainism	Unit 1, Module 4 <i>Unit 1 Discussion</i>	Chapter 4
Wk 5: 9/12	Unit Review 01 Short-Essay Response 01	<i>Modules 1 - 4</i>	
Wk 6: 9/19	Buddhism	Unit 2, Module 5	Chapter 5
Wk 7: 9/26	Sikhism	Unit 2, Module 6 <i>Research Assignment 01</i>	Chapter 6
Wk 8: 10/03	Daoism	Unit 2, Module 7	Chapter 7
Wk 9: 10/10	Shintoism	Unit 2, Module 8 <i>Unit 2 Discussion</i>	Chapter 8
Wk 10: 10/17	Unit Review 02 Short-Essay Response 02	<i>Modules 5 - 8</i>	
Wk 11: 10/24	Zoroastrianism	Unit 3, Module 9 <i>Research Assignment 02</i>	Chapter 9
Wk 12: 10/31	Judaism	Unit 3, Module 10	Chapter 10
Wk 13: 11/07	Christianity	Unit 3, Module 11	Chapter 11
Wk 14: 11/14	Islam	Unit 3, Module 12 <i>Research Assignment 03</i>	Chapter 12
Wk 15: 11/21	THANKSGIVING		
Wk 16: 11/28	New Religious Movements Short-Essay Response 03	Unit 3, Module 13 <i>Unit 3 Discussion</i>	Chapter 13
Wk 17: 12/05	Unit Review 03	<i>Modules 9 - 13</i>	

Note: the course schedule is always subject to change based on unforeseen semester events. The above schedule is tentative but will remain fixed until deemed necessary to modify for the improvement of the assignment schedule.