PHIL 1304: Major World Religions (Online)

All Sections
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Description

This course surveys the major world religions. Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity are included. The history of religions is covered, but the major emphasis is on current beliefs. Other topics may also be included, such as the nature of religion, tribal religion, and alternatives to religion. We accomplish this by means of a textbook and Internet-based resources. (http://ecampus.dcccd.edu)

Goals

(1) Introduce the content and concepts of the academic study of Religion.
(2) Develop conceptual and written analytical skills.
(3) Encourage a lifelong appreciation for the academic study of Religion.

As a result of successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

(1) Distinguish between academic and theological approaches to Religion.
(2) Identify, describe, and explain the central tenets of the major world religions.
(3) Engage in critical self-analysis with respect to their engagement with other religious traditions.

Structure

The course will follow the chapter schema of the primary textbook. In addition to the text, there will be a series of study/review guides (Practice Quizzes) available on eCampus, from which the chapter quiz questions will be drawn, as well as the opportunity for dialogue by means of the Discussion Board.

Requirements

As a self-paced course, you are generally free to organize your time as you see fit, with this exception: each chapter must be completed in sequence. All work will be completed through eCampus. In order to orient themselves to the requirements and procedures of this course, students must log onto eCampus at the above URL within the first 12 days (3 days for minimesters) of the course and follow the instructions presented in the Welcome Announcement exactly – this is the only way to access the entire course.

Grading

11 Chapter quizzes (42pts each) 462pts
One 5-7 page reflection paper 200pts
Discussion Board Postings (32@6pts each) 188pts
One Comprehensive Course Exam 150pts
[A=900+pts; B=800-899pts; C=700-799pts; D=600-699pts; F=0-599pts]

Text

**STOP BEFORE YOU DROP**

For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop.

You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions.

Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a “W”. Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: [https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops](https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops)