Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of religion through the examination of the origins, teachings, and practices of selected world religions. This course will involve three exams, a journal, and a term paper.

Course Objectives

• Strong focus on Religions of India, Religions of Japan and China, and Religions of the Middle East
• Appreciate the diversity and similarities among different religious societies and cultures in both contemporary and historical perspectives
• Discover the history, teachings, and practices of various religious societies and cultures and be able to evaluate and interpret them in both national and international contexts
• Improve students’ writing skills

Required Reading

Textbook
• *Experiencing the World’s Religions* by Michael Molloy, 5th Edition

Instructor Information

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*All turnitin assignments are due at 11:59pm on the due date*

***ABSOLUTELY NO TAPE RECORDING DEVICES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED***
Course Requirements

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Course Policies

Test 1
The first test (20%) will consist of a combination of multiple-choice questions, true and false questions, and a matching section. The test focuses on the first part of the semester, which will be Religions of India.

***Bring a number 2 pencil***
***No Make Ups***

Test 2
The second test (20%) will consist of a combination of multiple-choice questions, true and false questions, and a matching section. The second test is non-cumulative and will cover material covered after the first exam: Religions of Japan and China.

***Bring a number 2 pencil***
***No Make Ups***

Test 3
The third test (20%) will consist of a combination of multiple-choice questions, true and false questions, and a matching section. The third test is non-cumulative and will cover material covered after the second exam: Religions of the Middle East.

***Bring a number 2 pencil***
***No Make Ups***

Term Paper
Students will turn in a term paper worth (15%) of the overall grade. The term paper must be a minimum of 8 pages and no more than 10 pages in length, excluding the bibliography or works cited page and the cover page. This paper is formal and must be typed, not hand-written, in Times New Roman font size 12 and double-spaced. The margins should be 1-inch on all sides. APA, MLA, and Chicago Manual Style will be
accepted. The students will be emailed more detailed instructions during the first week of class. This paper will also be submitted to www.turnitin.com.

Journal
Students will turn in a journal worth (15%) of the overall grade. The journal is an assignment in which the student reports on current events in the news that involve religion and societies around the world. The student will be required to have ten entries by the end of the semester; 3 for January, 3 for February, and 4 for March. The student will cut out or print the article, place it inside a binder or a duo-tang folder, and write a two page summary and reflection about the article. The journal entries must be typed and double spaced. The journals will be collected towards the end of the semester.

Attendance
Attendance is (10%) of the student’s grade. The student is allowed two absences for the semester without being penalized. Any absence after the two allowed ones will result in points being deducted from the student’s final grade. Attendance is strongly advised since the professor uses outside knowledge and material to supplement the book and make the lectures more complete. The attendance grade also includes tardiness and conduct in class. Those students who talk excessively, constantly enter and leave the classroom due to phone calls, text message continuously, listen to their ipods during lectures, and play on their laptops during class time will have their attendance score marked down.

***Cell phones must be set to silent mode***

Extra Credit (Movie Review)
Students will pick a movie with a religious theme from a list that will be emailed during the first week of class and answer certain questions according to the movie chosen. The student is able to earn a total of 5 points to their lowest grade. The movies are placed on reserve on the 5th floor of the Green Library under the name Professor Botello. They can also be found on Netflix or your local video store. This assignment will also be submitted to www.turnitin.com.

Syllabus

   Reading for This Class: Chapter 3

2. [Monday – January 17] **Martin Luther King Holiday (No School)**


   Reading for This Class: Chapter 4

   Reading for This Class: Chapter 5
6. [Monday – February 14] **Test 1**

7. [Monday – February 21] Shinto
   Reading for This Class: Chapter 7

8. [Monday – February 28] Daoism
   Reading for This Class: Chapter 6

9. [Monday – March 7] Confucianism
   Reading for This Class: Chapter 6
   **Term Paper Due**

10. [Monday – March 14] **Spring Break**

11. [Monday – March 21] **Test 2**

    Reading for This Class: Chapter 8

13. [Monday – April 4] Islam
    Reading for This Class: Chapter 10
    **Journals Due**

    Reading for This Class: Chapter 5

15. [Monday – April 18] **Test 3**

**Plagiarism**

1. Students found cheating will be given a 0 for the assignment followed by disciplinary actions.
2. Students found cheating on an exam will be given a 0 for the test.
3. Students that are caught cheating repeatedly will be given an F for the class followed by disciplinary action.
4. Students found plagiarizing will be given a 0 for the assignment.
5. If the student has plagiarized the entire work then the student will be given a grade of F for the class followed by disciplinary actions.
6. It is recommended to look over the University’s Code of Academic Integrity at [http://www.fiu.edu/~oabp/misconductweb/2codeofacainteg.htm](http://www.fiu.edu/~oabp/misconductweb/2codeofacainteg.htm)

**Additional Information**

1. Students are encouraged to keep a copy of all papers submitted to the instructor.
2. MLA, APA, and Chicago writing styles are accepted for the written assignments.
3. The University’s last day to drop courses or withdraw without incurring a financial liability is **Tuesday January 18**.
4. Last day to withdraw from the University with a 25% refund of tuition is **Friday February 4**
5. Deadline to drop a course with a DR grade is **Friday March 4**