

Course	RELG 1060 World Religions
Term	Fall 2, 2009 Thursday 5:30-9:30
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Catalog Description	Concerns origins, historical developments of worship, ethics, theology, scriptures, and institutions of the world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
Prerequisites	Student should be admitted to Webster University undergraduate program.
Course Level Learning Outcomes	The goals of this course are to help the student be able to do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. To identify and define names and technical terms describing various religious phenomena (fact, circumstances) of the faiths studied; B. To identify the founders, leaders, major developments and basic tenets of the religions covered; C. To identify the major presuppositions (the thing, fact or idea) of each of the contexts out of which the religions emerged; D. To assess and to develop a genuine appreciation for the basic context of each of the religions such that he/she does not feel that the distinctiveness of his/her faith is being compromised or being able to make a choice; E. To list the different religions and summarize the material in writing of the people's experience, ethical thought, and how philosophy and religion interface with each other.
Materials	The World Religions, 2009, by Huston Smith, ISBN: 0061660183
Grading	Students will be evaluated through quizzes, one final test, and a 5-8 page paper as well as class participation and attendance. <p style="text-align: center;">Quizzes – 30% of Total grade Tests – 30% of total grade Papers – 30% of total grade, Participation & Attendance – 10% of total grade</p> <p>The GRADUATE catalog provides these guidelines and grading options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/A– Superior graduate work

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<p>Activities</p>	<p>Their will be multiple choice quizzes that cover each religion specifically following our discussion of that religion.</p> <p>The test will be multiple choice, matching and short essay questions. This test will cover the scope of the entire course both eastern and western religious traditions.</p> <p>The paper will be <u>5 to 8 pages in length</u>. It will compare any two of the different religions that have been addressed in the course. For example the first paper can compare Buddhism and Hinduism or it can compare Islam with Christianity. These papers will compare two Religions not more than two and not less than two. These papers will compare and contrast these religions. They are not to be said to be identical, and there should be found some overlapping beliefs, customs, or practices.</p> <p>All papers must be academic research papers. That means there <u>Must</u> be quotations of the authors that are discussed. Your paper should not include any contractions unless it is found in the quote of the given author. "Cannot" must be one word not two. <u>Footnotes</u> should be found for all quotes need citation.</p>

	<p>For an A on the paper one must intelligently and articulately compare the two religions, with a clear thesis statement and proper use of the texts, including quotations from both religions.</p> <p>A grade of C or Below will be given to any student who does not accurately or fully address the subject.</p>
<p>Policy Statements: University Policies</p>	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p>Academic Honesty The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p>Drops and Withdrawals Please be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals (published elsewhere) to find out what the deadlines are for dropping a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p>Special Services If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p> <p>Disturbances Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, disruption of class by inconsiderate behavior is not acceptable. Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with dignity and respect, especially in cases where a diversity of opinion arises. Students who engage in disruptive behavior are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course.</p> <p>Student Assignments Retained From time to time, student assignments or projects will be retained by The Department for the purpose of academic assessment. In</p>

	<p>every case, should the assignment or project be shared outside the academic Department, the student's name and all identifying information about that student will be redacted from the assignment or project.</p> <p>Contact Hours for this Course It is essential that all classes meet for the full instructional time as scheduled. A class cannot be shortened in length. If a class session is cancelled for any reason, it must be rescheduled.</p>																																						
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