

RELS 100 Online– CRN20375 –SPRING 2010
RELIGIONS OF THE MODERN WORLD

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

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I Course Description

An introduction to the various contemporary religions of the world. Study of the basic beliefs, history and tradition of the world's major religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Objectivity and impartiality are important characteristics of our study. We seek to *understand* the world's religions, not evaluate their comparative merits.

II Required Texts

- Living Religions, Seventh Ed. by Mary Pat Fisher–Pearson/Prentice Hall Pub.
- Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Benares, Diana L. Eck–Beacon Press, Boston
- Other readings as assigned

III Student Learning Objectives *At the conclusion of the course students will be able to:*

- Identify and discuss the nature of religious revelation and interpretation of sacred texts.
- Recognize the relationship between religion and culture and the relevance of religious belief and experience to modern life and the human condition.
- Identify the origin, characteristic beliefs, practices, and terminology unique to the religions we study.

IV Course Requirements

Students are expected to attend all lectures, arrive on time, and to remain for the entire class period. Lectures and class discussions assume familiarity with text materials and students should be prepared with questions or comments intended to clarify or expand on the content of the readings.

V Attendance is expected

- because participation in class is an important learning opportunity;
- because lectures, presentations, and examinations will contain material supplementing assigned readings;
- and because your learning will suffer when you are not present.

Students who miss class are responsible for material covered in their absence, including other students' presentations.

VI Course Development and Grading

There will be unit quizzes, short written assignments, a research paper and a comprehensive final exam. You will sign up for your research paper topic early in the semester and papers will be due throughout the term. Both a written paper and a classroom presentation of your research will be required.

VII Grade Distribution

Course grade will be a percentage of points earned divided by points available. A 94-100%; A- 90-93%; B+ 87-89%; B 84-86%; B- 80-83%; C+ 77-79%; C 74-76; C- 70-73%; D 60-69%; F less than or equal to 59%.

VIII IVC Drop Policy

A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class may be dropped by the instructor immediately following that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students enrolled. Instructors are expected to take a student's attendance record into account in computing grades. A student may be excluded from

further attendance in a class during any semester when absences after the close of registration have exceeded the number of class hours which the class meets per week. A student who is tardy three times may be considered as having been absent once. Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved conferences and contests and attendance upon field trips will not be counted as absences.

X Academic Integrity

Academic integrity includes a commitment neither to engage in nor tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation or deception. Such acts of dishonesty include cheating or copying, plagiarizing, submitting another person's work as one's own, using Internet sources without citation, fabricating field data or citations, stealing examinations, tampering with the academic work of another student, and facilitating other students' acts of academic dishonesty. *Sanctions for breaches of academic integrity may range (depending on the severity of the offense) from F for the assignment to F for the course.*

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) office as soon as possible. The DSPS office is located in the Health Sciences Building, room 2117. The telephone number is 355-6312.

Weight of assignments:

Class Participation	10 points
Writing Assignments (4)	20 points
Research Paper (1)	15 points
Quizzes (4)	20 points
Midterm Exam	15 points
Final Exam	<u>20 points</u>
	100 points

Religious Studies 100 Online Schedule

February 19 - Overview Lecture & Discussion

- “What’s your religious IQ?” – orientation “quiz”
- Discuss “My religious experience”

February 26 - Religious Responses

- Read FISHER CH. 1
- View ...
- Writing Assign. #1 due today by 11:55PM

March 5 - Indigenous Sacred Ways

- Read FISHER CH.2
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Quiz #1 12am – 2pm today

March 12 - Judaism 1

- Read FISHER CH. 8 pp. 235-260
- Read Eck Ch. 1
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Judaism papers due today by 11:55PM

March 19 - Judaism 2

- Read FISHER CH. 8 pp. 260-291
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Quiz #2 12am – 2pm today

March 26 - Christianity 1

- Read FISHER CH. 9 pp. 295-321
- Read Eck-Ch.2
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Christianity papers due today by 11:55PM

April 2 - Christianity 2

- Read FISHER CH. 9 pp. 336-358
- View ...
- Writing Assign. #2 due today by 11:55PM

April 9 - Spring Break - NO CLASS

Apr 16 – MIDTERM EXAM – Room 202 at 12noon

April 23 - Islam 1

- Read FISHER CH. 10 pp. 378-398
- Read Eck-Ch. 3 “The Names of God”
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Islam papers due today by 11:55PM

April 30 - Islam 2

- Read FISHER CH. 10 pp. 399-429
- View ...
- Writing Assign. #3 due today by 11:55PM

May 7 - Hinduism 1

- Read FISHER CH. 3 pp. 72-96
- Read Eck-Ch. 4 “The Faces of God”
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Hinduism papers due today by 11:55PM

May 14 - Hinduism 2

- Read FISHER CH. 3 pp. 97-117
- Buddhism papers due today
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Quiz #3 12am – 2pm today

May 21 - Buddhism 1

- Read FISHER CH. 4 pp.134-158
- Read Eck Ch. 5 “The Breath of God”
- View ...
- Writing Assign. #4 due today by 11:55PM

May 28 - Buddhism 2

- Read FISHER CH. 4 pp. 158-178
- Read Eck Ch. 6 “Attention to God”
- View ...
- Discuss ...
- Quiz #4 12am – 2pm today

June 4 - Daoism & Confucianism

- Read FISHER CH. 6
- View ...
- Discuss ...

June 11 - COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM– Room 202 at 12noon