

Dakota College at Bottineau Course Syllabus 16-Week Online
Course Prefix/Number/Title:
RELS203 World Religions (3 credits)

Course Description:

This course introduces the origin and historical development Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Alternative Paths. It also examines the social, political, and religious impact. The texts are read critically as historical documents to investigate issues of central concern to the understanding of the origins and major tenets of these religions.

Pre-/Co-requisites: None

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, the student will:

Demonstrate knowledge of the historical, religious, and cultural distinctions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Alternative Paths.

General Education Goal and Objectives

Goal 1: Demonstrates effective communication

1. Expresses ideas through effective writing
 - a. Analyzes the demands and possible strategies of a writing task, based on topic, purpose, context, and then accomplish that task with clarity.
 - b. Demonstrates competent writing that includes a clear, original thesis or claim, appropriate evidence and support, a logical structure, and a style of language that serves the writer's purpose and audience.

Goal 2: Demonstrates the knowledge of the human experience throughout history

1. Recognizes human social structures
 - a. Demonstrates, through historical examples, what happens when differing social structures collide.
 - b. Students use a variety of technology for research and demonstration purposes. In addition, through "conferencing and group discussions" students will glean first-hand understanding and be able to explain how these traditions have impacted on human nature.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of Religion, recognizing the world of human diversity.

Instructor:

Andre' L. Mooney, MDiv
Home: 623-234-1607

Office Hours:

Instructor will check course daily, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.

Email:

Use course email. The instructor checks course email once a day, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays and will respond daily. A response can be expected within a day. However, if a message is sent on Friday afternoon, a response should not be expected until Monday. Please plan accordingly.

Lecture/Lab Schedule:

Students will view weekly lectures and videos online.

Textbooks:

1. *Experiencing the World Religions*, 5th Edition, Michael Molloy ISBN 007340750X

Course Requirements:

Syllabus Quiz. Due to the rapid pace of the class, it is important students understand expectations the first week of class. The syllabus outlines these expectations. To ensure students understand the syllabus, an untimed syllabus quiz will be available the first week of class. (25 pts.)

Weekly Readings. Each week consists of course notes and objectives. It is followed by chapter readings in the textbook and/or supplemental articles.

Weekly Videos. In the weeks videos are provided, they are mandatory to view.

Weekly Activities. Each week consists of a review that covers the reading materials and videos. The reviews are either in a discussion format OR essay posts. A rubric is provided for the requirements of the reviews. (20 pts. each)

Final Report & Peer Collaboration. A final report is due on the last Monday by noon. Each student must choose one religion discussed. Explain its core beliefs and the impact that it has made (positively or negatively). Students will review peer's reports to collaborate learning experiences across the selected religions. More in-depth instructions are given the first week of class. (200 pts.)

Grades. Grades will be calculated by dividing total points earned by the total points possible and will be based on the following percentages:

A = 90-100%
B = 80 – 89%
C = 70 – 79%
D = 60 – 69%
F = 0 – 59%

Assignment	Points Possible
Introduction Discussion	20 pts.
Weekly Reviews (8 @ 20 pts.)	160 pts.

Final Report	100 pts.
Peer Review (Final Report)	50
Total Points Possible	330 pts.

Course Outline:

DATE TOPIC READING

Week 1&2	Understanding Religion/Indigenous	Chpt. 1&2
Week 3&4	Hinduism/Buddhism	Chpt. 3&4
Week 5&6	Jainism, Sikhism, Daoism & Confucianism	Chpt. 5&6
Week 7&8	Shinto/ Judaism	Chpt. 7 & 8
Week 9&10	Christianity	Chpt. 9
Week 11&12	Islam	Chpt.10
Week 13&14	Alternative Paths/ The Modern Search	Chpt. 11 & 12
Final Report Due		
Week 15&16	PEER REVIEW Activity	

Relationship to Campus Theme

This course addresses the campus theme by discovering the impact that religion has made within “human” nature, and following generations that have been impacted through traditional religious practices. In addition, students will use a variety of technology for research and written presentation purposes. Technology used will include, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Video, and Internet.

Classroom Policies

This is a three credit online course. Students are required to login to the course *three times per week* to submit work and check discussions & announcements. Grades may be reduced if students log in an inadequate amount of times.

Academic Integrity

All students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. Dishonesty in the classroom or laboratory and with assignments, quizzes and exams is a serious offense and is subject to disciplinary action by the instructor and college administration. For more information, refer to the Student Handbook.

Instructor's Plagiarism Policy:

All report will be screened electronically for plagiarism. If the report finds copied text without proper citations, the report will receive 0 points.

Disabilities and Special Needs

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact your instructor and Jan Nahinurk in the Learning Center (701-228-5479) as early as possible during the beginning of the semester.