REL 2300 World Religions

Spring 2024 (202420)

**REL 2300 World Religions**: Prerequisite: ENC 1101 or ENC 1101H or IDH 1110 Designed for students interested in exploring various ways people have expressed religious views. Explores questions that lead people to formulate religious answers and various religious doctrines that formalize human concerns. Balances different opinions from major religious traditions such as Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism, among others, and helps students broaden perspectives on religion. Gordon Rule course which requires demonstration of college level writing skills through multiple assignments. Minimum grade of C required if used to satisfy Gordon Rule requirement.

CRN: 22200

Credit: 3

Prerequisite(s) and Co-requisite(s): ENC 1101 or ENC 1101H or IDH 1110

Meeting places and times: 1-372 MW 11:30-12:45

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COURSE OUTCOMES

* Understand the relationships between specific religious traditions and their cultural and historical contexts.
* Compare and contrast divisions within religious traditions.
* Understand the moral and ethical precepts of the various religious traditions.
* Explain major concepts in the study of religion.
* Connect the study of religion to their everyday experience.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

Text: none

Supplements: Readings will be posted in Canvas

ASSESSMENT METHODS AND EVALUATION:

Calculation of final grade: The final course grade will be determined by the following factors:

 Periodic quizzes: 15%

 Midterm: 25%

Final Exam: 25%

Paper: 25% (Gordon Rule course-not completing the paper results in a failing grade for the course)

 Class Participation: 5%

 Attendance: 5%

Grades will be kept in Canvas and will reflect the grade earned based on work completed. Accordingly, there will be no extra credit or additional work to change a grade at the end of the course. Points earned will not be rounded either way!

Grade Scale:

A: 100-90; B: 89-80; C: 79-70; D: 69-60; F: 59-0

NO-SHOW PROCEDURE

Any student who does not attend class **prior to the start** of the no-show reporting period for each part of term will be withdrawn by the instructor as a no-show.  This will count as an attempt in the class, and students will be liable for tuition.  If your plans have changed and you will not be attending this class, please withdraw yourself through your Atlas account during the drop period for this part of term.

CLASSROOM POLICIES ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to attend all scheduled class sessions. To allow for sickness and the unforeseen circumstances of life, however, each student is allowed two absences a quarter. More absences that this will result in a reduction of the earned grade.

Please check with the instructor if you are considering withdrawing from the course; the circumstances may not be a dire as you think. Remember that there are implications for withdrawals in your academic career.

IMPORTANT DATES: **Full Term:** Classes begin January 8. Drop/Refund Deadline 11:59 p.m. January 16. No Show reporting period January 18-27. **Withdrawal deadline for W grade is 11:59 p.m. March 15.** Classes end April 28. Final Exams held April 22-28.

Credit Classes Do Not Meet: January 15 MLK Day (College Closed), February 9 Learning Day (no classes), March 18-24 Spring Break (College Closed). See College calendar for important dates and final exam schedule at  [http://valenciacollege.edu/calendar](http://www.valenciacollege.edu/calendar) .

MAKE-UP POLICY: Quizzes are always announced and if you are absent on the day of a quiz, you may take it the next class. If you are absent that day as well, you receive a zero.

Late work will be accepted within one week after the original due date with a 10-point penalty. Work submitted more than one week late will receive an additional 10-point penalty for each week overdue. All work must be submitted by April 22nd to be considered for a grade.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Each student is required to follow Valencia policy regarding academic honesty. All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the student’s individual thoughts, research, and self-expression unless the assignment specifically states “group project.” Any act of academic dishonesty will be handled in accordance with Valencia policy as set forth in the Student Handbook and Catalog. For this course, a paper that exhibits plagiarism will receive a zero (no resubmissions for credit); a second case will result in a grade of F for the course.

COLLEGE POLICIES: A full description of all College policies can be found in the College Catalog at <http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/> ; Policy Manual at <http://www.valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/> ; and the Student Handbook at <http://valenciacollege.edu/studentdev/CampusInformationServices.cfm> .

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Valencia College is interested in making sure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience.  To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work.  BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. Free face-to-face counseling is also available.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH FOOD/HOUSING/FINANCIAL NEEDS: Any student who has difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect his or her performance in the course, is urged to meet with a Counselor in the Advising Center for information about resources that may be available from the college or community.

OFFICE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES INFORMATION: Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a Notification to Instructor (NTI) form from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities.

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SPECIAL RULES: The use of electronic devices (cell phones, lap tops, MP3 players. etc.) are permitted only with the approval of the instructor. Using them during class for non-academic purposes will be considered disruptive behavior.

Assignments submitted in Canvas must be in .docx, .doc, or .pdf format. Papers with a .pages extension cannot be opened in Canvas and will not be accepted. Microsoft Office is available for use for all current Valencia Students. <https://valenciacollege.edu/employees/office-of-information-technology/network-and-info-security-services/office-365.php>

DISCLAIMER: Changes may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND/OR LABS:

Week 1 Introduction to Course; nature of religion

Week 2 Hinduism

Week 3 Hinduism

Week 4 Buddhism

Week 5 Buddhism

Week 6 Buddhism; Jainism

Week 7 Sikhism; Daoism

Week 8 Confucianism; Midterm

Week 9 Judaism

Week 10 Judaism

Week 11 Christianity

Week 12 Christianity

Week 13 Islam

Week 14 Islam; Final