PARKLAND COLLEGE

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: REL 102 (IAI H5 904N)
Course Title: The World's Great Religions

Department: Humanities
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 38.0201
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 3**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Teachings and histories of world's major religions: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. (Study Abroad programs only)

General Course Objectives

To enhance student's understanding of the history and teachings of the major living religions.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Minimum of 3 multiple choice and essay exams; minimum of 1 research-based essay of 3-5 pages; 5-10 quizzes.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

A Concise Introduction to World Religions, 3rd Ed., by Oxtoby et al.

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction and Religious Responses	1. Describe basic religious responses and the questions they address.	3	0	0
Hinduism	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Hinduism. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	6	0	0
Jainism	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Jainism. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	3	0	0
Buddhism	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Buddhism. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	6	0	0
Chinese Religion	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Chinese religion. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	3	0	0

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Shintoism	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Shintoism. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	3	0	0
Zoroastrianism	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Zoroastrianism. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	3	0	0
Judaism	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Judaism. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	6	0	0
Christianity	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Christianity. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	6	0	0
Islam	1. Demonstrate knowledge of Islam. 2. Identify key moments in the development of religious movements, including founders, basic principles, lifestyles, theologies, and worldviews. 3. Explain the philosophical and practical implications of various religious perspectives. 4. Articulate an appreciation for the varieties of religious expression and a respect for the accomplishments of multiple perspectives.	6	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0