

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Religious Studies
2. Course Number: REL 201
3. Course Title: COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

Study of the world's major religions including religious and philosophical concepts pertaining to the existence and nature of the Absolute Indigenous religions, Native American religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. . General Education: Arts and Humanities. Special Requirements: Contemporary Global/International Awareness OR Historical Awareness. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

To discover how each religious tradition studied interprets its ultimate point of reference (or Absolute): God, Tao, etc.; to determine the goal of human life according to each tradition studied; to assess each religion's strengths and weaknesses within its cultural context; to develop an objective conceptual framework as to what each tradition offers to today's world. To evaluate each religion's relationships with nature and the environment. Meets contemporary/international awareness or historical awareness criteria.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of historical, cultural, geographical and philosophical framework that comprises each of the traditions studied
2. Identify, interpret, and evaluate the major themes of each tradition studied
3. Recognize the major religious figures of each tradition studied, and develop an understanding of the ideas and movements associated with them
4. Recognize both globally and on a more parochial level the comparative impact of diverse religious traditions upon each other and their respective cultures
5. express, both verbally and in writing, an awareness of contemporary religious dynamics.
6. Cross analyze Asian religions within their own traditions, across geographic borders and in comparison to other world religions
7. Discuss each religion's acceptance, care and protection of the environment
8. Identify historic and modern geographic locations of each religion studied.

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D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Will include:

1. Instructor generated final exam that assesses student knowledge of the impact of diverse religious traditions upon each other and their respective cultures.

E. Course Content:

Will include :

1. The nature of religious experience; philosophy and the problems/challenges of comparing religions
2. Conceptions of God: polytheism, henotheism, pantheism, monotheism, theism, deism; the questions of God's existence: cosmological, teleological, and ontological arguments
3. Conception of humanity's place within the world and cosmos, the questions of immortality, the problem of evil
4. The study of the following religious traditions:
 - a. Indigenous religions

- b. Native American religious traditions
- c. Hinduism
- d. Buddhism
- e. Jainism
- f. Sikhism
- g. Taoism
- h. Confucianism
- i. Zoroastrianism
- i. Shinto
- j. Judaism
- k. Christianity
- l. Islam
- m. Marxist Ideology as religion