

Notre Dame World Religion 30 Course Outline 2014/15

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Course Objectives

The aim of the World Religions Course is:

1. Be nurtured in the Catholic faith as they deepen their understanding that all religions are a communal search for truth and relationship with the Divine.
2. Grow in understanding of the historical development, central beliefs and practices, prayer rituals, symbols, sacred writings, family traditions and moral guidelines associated with various religions.
3. Compare the importance of sacred space, worship and prayer within various religious traditions.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of moral norms as a natural expression of faith that shapes human behavior.
5. Participate in a variety of Catholic prayer ritual experiences.
6. Describe the nature of interreligious dialogue and discuss why it is necessary for peace and justice.
7. Describe the relationship of religious moral precepts to social responsibility, and offer opportunities to participate in activities promoting peace, justice and the betterment of society in general.
8. Grow in the ability to respond to the challenges of living in societies with religious pluralism, identifying movements, trends and beliefs within modern times and their impact on religion.
9. Recognize proclamation and dialogue as two dimensions of the Catholic Church's evangelizing mission.

Course Content and Timeline

We will be covering the following:

Introduction and Prayer – 2 classes

Chapter One: World Religions and Religious Pluralism – 2 classes

Chapter Two: Who Are Catholics – 4 classes

Chapter Three: The Story of Canadian Aboriginal Spirituality – 4 classes

The class will choose 4 religions to study of the list below: (6 -7 classes each)

Chapter Four: The Story of Judaism

Chapter Six: The Story of Islam

Chapter Seven: The Story of Hinduism

Chapter Eight: The Story of Buddhism

Chapter Nine: The Story of Sikhism

Finishing with:

Chapter Ten: Modernity and Religion – 2 classes

Chapter Eleven: Living Faith Today – 2 classes



Course Text: World Religions: A Canadian Catholic Perspective - Novalis

Evaluation:

Service Project - 10%

As a requirement of every Religious Studies course, students will complete a project consisting of 10 hours of community service during this course of study. Once your project is complete, please have your supervisor fill out the Service Project Sheet and complete the reflection assignment. **Proposal due date is February 27 and Final Project is due on June 12.**

Field Trip Reflection - 5%

At the end of May we will be travelling to Edmonton to visit a Islamic Mosque, Jewish Synagogue, Hindu Mandir, Sikh Gurdwara or a Buddhist Temple. You will be assigned a reflection assignment to respond to what you learned on the field trip. If you do not attend the trip there will be an alternative assignment to complete.

Prayer - 5%

You research, create and present a prayer in the style of your choice of the religions we are studying. The prayer will be presented during the time of study of that religion.

Short Assignments - 10%

These would include daily in-class assignments or homework such as Graphic Organizers, concept maps or quick quizzes.

Chapter Task Suggestions - 40%

The Chapter Task Suggestions focus on the specific religion being studied. Over the entire course, four such Chapter Tasks could be required. Some class time has been set aside for work on these. This category also includes marks for tests on various chapters or combinations of chapters.

Final Cumulative Assignment - 15%

This is a cumulative project that will be collected at the end of the term. You will be working on the major projects throughout the term. You will be encouraged to submit their work for formative assessment periodically through the allotted time for project completion.

Final Exam - 15%

The final exam will be made up of material from the unit assignments and unit tests.

Exemption Policy

As school policy, students may be exempted from writing a final exam based on exceptional achievement or commitments to course expectations. **ACADEMIC EXEMPTION:** Students who have an 80% in the class and have completed all the required assignments and tests (including the service project) will not be required to write the final exam – in the end the exemption is under the digression of the teacher.

Student Help - Students who are having difficulty in the course should take the initiative and approach your teacher to seek extra help – This will be offered during the RTI schedule. . If you would like to discuss the course material, you may contact Mr. Fakeley in his office (1703), or by email: carl.fakeley@rdcrs.ca, or by phone: (403)342-4800 ext 263390. If you miss a class – be PROACTIVE! Check out Mr. Fakeley's website for missed course work: faithandreason.ca

