

Master Syllabus

REL 1111 - Eastern Religions

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: Religious Studies

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: October 2013

Course Description:

Introduction to Far Eastern religions and cultural traditions, including beliefs, practices, stories and rituals, and historical context.

General Education Outcomes:

- ❑ Oral Communication Competency
- ❑ Written Communication Competency
- ❑ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ❑ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- ❑ Computer Literacy Competency
- ❑ Information Literacy Competency

Course Outcomes:

Beliefs, rituals and people of Eastern religious traditions

Identify, examine and discuss the essential practices, beliefs, ceremonies and people within the various Eastern traditions.

Assessment Method: Behavioral observations

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Historical origins and developments of each Eastern tradition

Discuss the history and development of the traditions, based on texts, lessons and personal reflections.

Assessment Method: Behavioral observations

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Religious awareness, diversity and interfaith dialogue

Compare and contrast, analyze, and discuss the various eastern traditions from a variety of perspectives. Engage in rational discourse with respect.

Assessment Method: Behavioral observations

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Outline:

Hinduism
India
Mahatma Gandhi
Hare Krishnas (ISKCON)
Jainism
Yoga
Buddhism
Taoism
Shinto
Confucianism
Sikhism