

## 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

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### Course Description:

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

### General Education Outcomes:

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

### 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