



WORLD RELIGIONS



Throughout this course, we will explore core beliefs within several of the world's major religions. It is extremely important to understand that at no time will we endeavor to prove or disprove, support or destroy any one belief system. The purpose of this course is to study openly and honestly what people believe.

We will examine the historical, philosophical, and psychological roots of religion and the development of the major religions of the world chronologically, starting with North American Native traditions and ending with Islam.

Along the way, you will have the opportunity to explore some of the world's other diverse religions through student presentations. We will examine common themes these religions share, as well as significant differences and the impact of these similarities and differences

We will focus on the following for each religious tradition:

What is the geographic and historical context of where/how this religion came to being?

What is the **"problem"** this religion is trying to solve

What is the **"solution"** to this problem

What are the "techniques" used to achieve this "solution?"

Who are the "exemplars" that guide followers?

Expected HW Time

~30 mins to 1 hour per week

Semester-long Course

Standard-Based Grading

Meets 1 semester of World History for graduation requirement