**World Religions**

**PHIL 2070.003**

**Spring 2025**

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| **Date** | **Discussion/Lecture** | **Assignments/Readings** | **Notes** |
| Tues. Jan. 14 | **Syllabus and Overview of the Course**  **Discussion:** Brief Introductions  **Class Project: U.S. Religious Knowledge Project**  **Lecture:** Introduction to the Academic Study of Religion | **Discussion Board**: Introductions  **Essay 1, part A (Do this before you begin any reading)**  **Read:** Chapter 1, Religious Responses, pp. 1-14 (All chapters can be found in your textbook, *Living Religions*, Fisher and Rinehart, 10th Edition) |  |
| Thurs. Jan. 16 | **Discussion:** Introductions and Canvas Questions; Overview of Module 1 Religious Responses  **Lecture:** Religious responses: Continuation of the Academic Study of Religion (Chapter 1) | **Read:** Chapter 1, Religious Responses, pp. 14-32  **Essay 1, part B (Do this after reading Chapter 1)**  **Read:** “World Religions” by Tomoko Masuzawa (2005) (see Module 1 for pdf)  **Read:** Chapter 2, Indigenous Sacred Ways, pp. 33-53 |  |
| Tues. Jan. 21 | **Discussion:**  Masuzawa Reading and Exercise  **Module 2** Overview of Indigenous Sacred Ways  **Lecture:** Indigenous Sacred Ways | **Take Quiz 1 (Covers Module 1)**  **Read:** Chapter 2, Indigenous Sacred Ways, pp. 53-71 |  |
| Thurs. Jan. 23 | **Discussion:** Watch video and small group discussion  **Lecture:** Indigenous Sacred Ways | **Read:** Chapter 3, Hinduism, pp. 72-83  **Discussion Board:** Indigenous Sacred Ways  **Take Quiz 2 (Covers Module 2)** |  |
| Tues. Jan. 28 | **Discussion: Module 3** Overview of Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism  **Lecture:** Hinduism  **Video:** Hinduism | **Read:** Chapter 3, Hinduism, pp. 83-93  **Discussion Board:** Hinduism video |  |
| Thurs. Jan. 30 | **Discussion:** Hinduism; Primary Source/Site Visit Activities (Overview)  **Lecture:** Hinduism (continued) | **Read:**  Chapter 3, Hinduism, pp. 93-118  **Activity: Hinduism primary source or site visits** |  |
| Tues. Feb. 4 | **Discussion:** Group discussions about Hinduism primary sources/site visits  **Lecture:** Introduction to Jainism | **Read:** Chapter 4, Jainism, pp. 119-125 |  |
| Thurs. Feb. 6 | **Video:** Jainism  **Discussion:** Small group discussion | **Read:**  Chapter 4, Jainism, pp. 126-135  **Discussion Board:** Jainism |  |
| Tues. Feb. 11 | **Discussion:** Jainism in practice  **Lecture:** Jainism | **Read:** Chapter 5, Buddhism, pp. 136-166 |  |
| Thurs. Feb. 13 | **Lecture:** Buddhism  **Film:** The Buddha | **Read:**  Chapter 5, Buddhism, pp. 166-186  **Discussion Board:** The Buddha  **Activity:** Buddhism primary sources or site visits |  |
| Tues. Feb. 18 | **Discussion:**  Group discussions about Buddhism primary sources or site visits  **Lecture:** Transition from Buddhism to Daoism, Confucianism, Shinto | **Take Quiz 3 (Covers Module 3)**  **Read:** Chapter 6, Daoism and Confucianism pp. 187-205 |  |
| Thurs. Feb. 20 | **Discussion:**  **Module 4** Overview of Daoism, Confucianism, Shinto  **Lecture:**  Daoism | **Read:**  Chapter 6, Daoism and Confucianism pp. 205-221  **Activity:** Daoism primary sources or site visits |  |
| Tues. Feb. 25 | **Discussion:**  Daoism primary sources or site visits group discussions  **Lecture:** Confucianism  **Video:** Daoism and Confucianism | **Discussion Board:** Daoism and Confucianism  **Activity:** Confucianism primary sources or site visits  **Read:** Chapter 7, Shinto, pp. 222-241 |  |
| Thurs. Feb. 27 | **Discussion:**  Confucianism primary sources or site visits group discussions  **Lecture:**  Shinto  **Video:** Shinto  **Discussion:** Shinto video | **Discussion Board:** Shinto  **Take Quiz 4 (Covers Module 4)**  **Read:** Chapter 7, Zoroastrianism, pp. 242-249 |  |
| Tues. March 4 | **Discussion: Module 5:** Overview of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism  **Lecture:** Zoroastrianism  **Video:**  Zoroastrianism  **Discussion:**  Zoroastrianism video | **Discussion Board:** Zoroastrianism  **Read:**  Chapter 8, Judaism, pp. 250-279 |  |
| Thurs. March 6 | **Discussion:** Introduction to Judaism  **Lecture:** Judaism | **Read:** Chapter 8, Judaism, pp. 279-304  **Activity:**  Judaism, primary sources or site visits |  |
| Tues. March 11 | **HAPPY SPRING BREAK!** |  |  |
| Thurs. March 13 | **SPRING BREAK** |  |  |
| Tues. March 18 | **Discussion:**  Judaism, primary sources or site visits  **Videos:** Judaism  **Discussion:** Judaism Videos | **Discussion Board:** Judaism  **Read:** Chapter 9, Christianity, pp. 305-340 |  |
| Thurs. March 20 | **Discussion: Christianity Primary Source Activity or Site Visit**  **Lecture:** Christianity  **Video:** Christianity  **Discussion:** Christianity Video | **Read:** Chapter 9, Christianity, pp. 340-373  **Discussion Board:** Christianity  **Activity:** Christianity, primary sources or site visits |  |
| Tues. March 25 | **Discussion:**  Christianity, primary sources or site visits  **Lecture:** Christianity | **Read:** Chapter 10, Islam, pp. 374-397 |  |
| Thurs. March 27 | **Discussion:** Transition from Christianity to Islam  **Lecture:** Islam | **Read:** Chapter 10, Islam, pp. 397-431  **Activity:** Islam, primary sources or site visits |  |
| Tues. April 1 | **Discussion:**  Islam, primary sources or site visits  **Lecture:** Islam  **Video:** Tariq’s Cube  **Discussion**: Tariq’s Cube | **Read:** Chapter 10, Islam, pp. 374-431  **Discussion Board:** Islam |  |
| Thurs. April 3 | **Lecture:** Islam | **Read:**  Chapter 11, Sikhism, pp. 432-454 |  |
| Tues. April 8 | **Lecture:**  Sikhism  **Video:** Sikhism  **Discussion:** Sikhism video | **Take Quiz 5 (Covers Module 5)**  **Read:** Chapter 12, New Religious Movements, pp. 456-468 |  |
| Thurs. April 10 | **Discussion: Module 6:** Overview of New Religious Movements  **Lecture:** New Religious Movements  **Videos: Witchcraft in Romania; What is Revival; The Story of the Unification Church**  **Discussion:** NRM Videos | **Read:** Chapter 12, New Religious Movements, pp. 468-476  **Discussion Board:** NRM |  |
| Tues. April 15 | **Discussion:** Final Paper/Project and Presentation  **Lecture:**  New Religious Movements  **Videos:**  Baha’i Faith; Mormonism | **Read:**  Chapter 12, New Religious Movements, pp. 476-493  **Discussion Board:** NRM Videos |  |
| Thurs. April 17 | **Discussion: Essay 2 New Religious Movements;** Brainstorm ideas for final paper/project and presentation  **Lecture:** New Religious Movements | **Read:** Chapter 13, Religion in the Twenty-First Century, pp. 494-503  **Take Quiz 6 (Covers Module 6)** |  |
| Monday April 21 |  | **FINAL PAPER/PROJECT TOPIC DUE 11:59 PM** |  |
| Tues. April 22 | **Discussion: Module 7:** Overview of Religion in the Twenty-First Century  **Lecture:** Religion in the Twenty-First Century | **Read:** Chapter 13, Religion in the Twenty-First Century, pp. 503-519 |  |
| Thurs. April 24 | **Discussion:** Small discussion groups Religion in the Twenty-First Century | **Assignment:** Work on your Essay 2 and organize your final paper/project and presentation |  |
| Tues. April 29 | **Discussion:** Key takeaways from World Religions  **Lecture: CLOSING REMARKS: BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER** | **Sign up for Presentation (Thurs. May 1 or Tues. May 6)** |  |
| Thurs. May 1 | **PRESENTATIONS (Attendance mandatory)** |  |  |
| Fri. May 2 |  | **Essay 2 New Religious Movements Due 11:59 PM** |  |
| Mon. May 5 |  | **FINAL PAPER/PROJECT DUE 11:59 PM** |  |
| Thurs. May 8  1:30-3:30 PM | **PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED) (Attendance mandatory)** |  |  |