

**I. COURSE INFORMATION**

- A. Humanities 135 World Religions
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Brodd, Jeffery. *Invitation to World Religions*. Oxford University Press, 2018
- D. Prerequisites: None
- E. KRSN: REL 1010 World Religions/Comparative Religions

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

**II. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the major religious traditions and belief systems of both Eastern and Western cultures. Primary doctrines, beliefs and practices will be covered in order to understand how each tradition has contributed to world culture and to the lives of the followers of the major traditions. Brief attention will be given to the various minor religious traditions of the world community.

**III. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- A. Identify principal texts, central religious figures and ideas of major world religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam
- B. Demonstrate knowledge of beliefs, practices, and values of major world religions
- C. Describe historical narratives and cultural expressions of major world religions
- D. Analyze concepts and issues basic to the study of major world religions in a comparative framework
- E. Explain the implications of beliefs and practices with respect to religions in a religiously diverse world
- F. Evaluate definitions of religion

**IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

- A. Hinduism
- B. Buddhism
- C. Judaism
- D. Christianity
- E. Islam
- F. Eastern religions, Western religions

**V. ASSIGNMENTS** (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Written assignments
- B. Reading assignments
- C. Student collaboration assignments

**VI. EVALUATION METHODS** (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Quizzes
- C. Exams
- D. Final exam