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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU
FALL SESSIONS
OCT. 4 - DEC. 16, 1999
FORT SHAFTER CAMPUS**

COURSE: RE10340: Religions and the Human Community
CLASSROOM: Fort Shafter, Building 220
TIME: Saturdays, 12:30-4:40PM
INSTRUCTOR: Sister Malia Dominica Wong, O.P.
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TEXTBOOK: Molloy, Michael. 1999, **EXPERIENCING THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS: Tradition, Challenge, and Change.** Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Co.

DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an introduction to the historical, philosophical and spiritual foundations of the major religious traditions of the world-- Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The course will examine the lives of their founders, their basic teachings, the historical development of their communities and institutions, and their current status in the world. Using an experiential approach, and the classroom as a sacred space for personal spiritual growth, this course also endeavors to create a more universal understanding and appreciation of one's own tradition amidst this great cultural variety, in order to foster a more harmonious global community.

OBJECTIVES:

- *to stimulate students to reflect on their own beliefs, feelings and attitudes towards different religious perspectives, correlating and contrasting them with what they are learning
- *to foster the students' appreciation for the communal and cultural dimensions of religion, as well as the variety of expressions of personality and personal development that occur within religious traditions
- *to understand the basic elements of religion
- *to experience various forms of prayer and religious practices
- *to explore the influences different religions have on various contemporary issues
- *to grow deeper in one's own faith

REQUIREMENTS:

Students are to come to each class prepared by having read the assigned readings, completed any other homework assignments and being ready for in-class activities.

GRADING:

Grading will be based upon regular class attendance, class work, homework, journal writing, projects, quizzes, participation, and effort. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, 10 or 12 point font only. 1-1/2 inch margins. Extra credit-- events and topics to be discussed as the occasion arises.

Attendance:	10 points
Participation:	30 points
Homework/Reflection journal:	20 points
Projects:	10 points
Quizzes:	10 points
Final:	20 points
Extra-credit:	up to 5 points possible extra

90-100: A 80-89: B 70-79: C 60-69: D 59 and below: ☹

LEARNING OUTCOME ASSESSMENT:

All student's work will be evaluated for:

- *knowledge of the subject matter from textbooks, class presentations, discussions, videos, research, outside class activities
- *ability to apply the knowledge to understand current issues in society
- *understanding of the subject matter from different viewpoints

SCHEDULE:

- October 9:** Introduction, Oral Religions
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 7 - text p. 235-261
- October 16:** Shinto
Field Trip: Downtown Temple Walking Tour-- Kuan Yin Temple, Lum Sai Ho Tong, Izumo Taishakyo Mission, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Our Lady of Peace Cathedral
Meeting: 1:00PM - Kuan Yin Temple
Address: 170 N. Vineyard St.
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 4 - text p. 101-160
- October 23:** Buddhism
Field Trip: Kagyu Thegchen Ling Tibetan Buddhist Center
Host: Lama Rinchen
Meeting: 1:30PM
Address: 26 Gartley Place (Pali Hwy-right on Nuuanu Pali Rd.-left fork: Old Pali Rd.-left on Gartley Pl.)
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 6 - text p. 187-232
- October 30:** Taoism and Confucianism, "Chinese New Year"
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 5 - text p. 163-185

- November 6:** Jainism and Sikhism
Midterm Projects and Evaluation
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 3 - text p. 55-98
- November 13:** Hinduism
Field Trip: ISKCON Temple
Host: Rudra
Meeting: 1:00PM
Address: 51 Coelho Way
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 9 - text p. 319-370
- November 20:** Christianity, "Advent"
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 11 - text p. 401-453
- November 27:** Islam, "Ramadan"
Hmwk. Readings: Chapt. 10 - text p. 263-316
- December 4:** Judaism, "Hannukah"
Hmwk. Final Project
- December 11:** Religion and the Future: Modern Challenges, Contemporary Directions
Final Project Due

Note: Syllabus is subject to change.