

SSE 99

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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU**  
Religion 103 World Religions and the Human Community  
Summer Session 1999 Pearl Harbor  
Friday Evenings, 4:45pm-8:55pm  
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**OVERVIEW:**

This survey course will deal primarily with the major religious traditions of the world, and how each belief system provides meaning, articulates absolute values, and gives direction to its adherents. The student will be introduced to the traditions of the Middle-East (Judaism, Christianity, Islam), South Asia (Hinduism, Buddhism), and East Asia (Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism). By exploring and examining the phenomena unique to each tradition (i.e. myth, ritual, scripture, dogma, religious practice, religious institution) the student will gain an objectively oriented insight into the ways in which religion(s) have affected and been affected by the human community throughout history.

**TEXTBOOK:** Experiencing the World's Religions. Molloy, Michael.

**EXAMINATIONS AND GRADING:**

7 *micro-exams* (Amount of points varies with each chapter exam)

A: 160-182, B: 140-159, C: 120-139, D: 100-119, F: 99 and below.

*Exam extra credit points:* 20 points total for all exams

*Extra Credit:* To be determined by instructor if necessary. Two projects: Video summaries (5 pts.) and/or visitation to a religious site (different from your own) (10 pts.). This is in addition to work already performed, not to be used in lieu of.

**NOTE:** Each exam is sectional. Questions will be taken from lectures, readings, videos, etc. (Term identification, short answer/essay, T/F, multiple choice, etc.).

Vocabulary/word list will be given to each student for terms to know, understand, comprehend, internalize...Supplementary research possibilities. Content subject to change with ample notice given to student.

**CLASS POLICIES:** Class attendance is required. There will be a daily sign-in sheet for attendance. It will be the student's responsibility to sign in daily. Failure to attend class carries its own penalty and is reflected on exams. Please be on time, class will begin on the hour. Turn off personal pagers and mobile phones during class. Do not bring any food or drinks into the classroom. Do not bring children to class. If you must leave before the class ends, sit next to the door so class disturbance is minimized. For help with course work, etc. please feel free to make an appointment with the instructor.

**HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!**



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**REL 103: RELIGION AND THE HUMAN COMMUNITY**

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

JULY	09	Syllabus Pick-up. Course explanation. Introduction. What is "Religion?" A purposeful definition. The nature of religious studies. Research methodologies. Philosophical dimensions of religion. Class work ("to create is the ultimate expression of truth...")....p. 1
	<b>16</b>	<b>EXAM 1 - INTRO</b> Judaism: <b>Survival</b> ..... p.263 <i>WORD LIST</i> The Sacred Texts, A look at the Torah Rituals, Passover and Meaning <i>VIDEO</i> (Power of the Word)
	<b>23</b>	<b>EXAM 2 - JUDAISM</b> Christianity: <b>Salvation</b> .....p. 319 Josephus, <i>VIDEO</i> (The Execution of Jesus), 033-1453 Constantine the Great, Doctrine of the Trinity, Seven Ecumenical Councils, Dogma, Doctrine, Religious art, and Sacred Images(Iconography)
	<b>30</b>	<b>EXAM 3 - CHRISTIANITY</b> Islam: <b>Submission</b> .....p. 401 Islam: Muhammad; history and development. Islam: Dogma, Doctrine, and the Five Pillars <i>VIDEO</i> (Jerusalem: Within These Walls)
AUG	<b>06</b>	<b>EXAM 4 - ISLAM</b> Hinduism: <b>Sacrifice</b> .....p. 55 Sacred Scripture, The Trimurti, The Caste System and Ascetic practices <i>VIDEO</i> (Dust & Ashes)
	<b>13</b>	<b>EXAM 5 - HINDUISM</b> Buddhism: <b>Selflessness</b> .....p. 101 Four Noble Truths, Middle Way, Noble Eight-fold Path, Pali Canon, Triratna <i>VIDEO</i> (Footprint of the Buddha)
	<b>20</b>	<b>EXAM 6 - BUDDHISM</b> Taoism: <b>Serenity</b> .....p. 187 <i>VIDEO</i> (Chi) Confucianism: <b>Society</b> .....p. 187 The Analects, The Great Learning, Doctrine of the Mean, Five Values
	<b>27</b>	Shintoism: <b>Spirit</b> .....p. 235 The Divine Nation. <i>VIDEO</i> (Japan: Spirit and Form)
SEP.	<b>03</b>	Class work <i>VIDEO</i> (Black Robe)
	<b>10</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> (*NOTE* Bring index card and <b>SASE</b> for grade mailer)

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**NOTES:**