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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU

Religion 10390

Religions and the Human Community

Spring Evening Term

April 7 – June 9, 2001

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND STUDY GUIDE:

EXPERIENCING THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS:

Tradition, Challenge and Change

Michael Molloy, 1999

Mountain View, CA Mayfield Publishing Company

STUDY GUIDE TO ACCOMPANY MALLOY'S EXPERIENCING....

Richard Curran Trussell, 1998

Mountain View, CA Mayfield Publishing Company

OBJECTIVES: During this course, students will

- Compare and contrast religions studied (Oral Religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam) as to origins, practices, and significance.
- Integrate their own evolving religious intuitions in relation to concepts and practices studied.
- Research onsite a religious community from a tradition different from their own.

PLEASE NOTICE

Students are expected to have internet access and be familiar with the sending of email and attachments, placement of information on web board (posting), the performing of web searches and the downloading of files.

This is a content-based survey course proceeding at an accelerated pace. Independent work, motivation and self-discipline are essential. You will show you have done a careful reading of the assigned text and paid attention to the study guide by your performance on the tests.

Academic honesty in accordance with Chaminade policies is expected.

As we are dealing with potentially sensitive material, courtesy and respect in responding to one another is essential.

REQUIRED IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

Students are required to meet twice on main campus:

- Saturday, 1:00 PM, April 7, 2001 Orientation (Ching Conference, Iben Hall)
- Saturday, 1:00 PM, June 9, 2001 Final Exam (location to be announced)

CLASS WEB BOARD:

Class member address list, this syllabus, guidelines for the Instructor's Forum, guidelines for the field research project, study preparation information and instructions for the Mid-Term and the Final Tests will be posted on the web board.

Instructor's Forum (IF) discussion begins each Sunday morning and continues through following Saturday.

The Instructor will check web board postings, enter discussion, and answer emails Wednesday and Thursday mornings, except during the week of April 16-22.

SCHEDULE:

<u>Week Beginning</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Homework</u>
Apr 8	Oral Religions	Read Text Chapter 2 (T2) Complete Study Guide Chapter 2 (SG2), Post Self-Introduction, Post Website Report (WR), Participate in Instructor's Forum (IF)
Apr 15	Hinduism	T3, SG3, WR, IF, Post First Project Progress Report
Apr 22 Report	Buddhism	T4, SG4, WR, IF, Post Second Project Progress
Apr 29	Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto	T6-7, SG6-7, WR, IF
May 6	Project Research and MID-TERM TEST	Email First Test to Instructor by 5 PM, May 12th
May 13 Report	Judaism	T8, SG8, WR, IF, Post Third Project Progress
May 20 Report	Christianity	T9, SG9, WR, IF, Post Fourth Project Progress

May 27	Islam	T10, SG10, WR, IF
Jun 3	Modern World	T11, SG11, IF, Study for FINAL EXAM
Jun 9	FINAL EXAM and Course Project	

HOMWORK

- Complete Text and Study Guide assignments early in the week.
- Find and Visit a website reflecting the religion studied each week. Post a 250 word report on what can be found there and what you've learned there.
- Instructor's Forum:
 - Questions will be posted at 7 AM each Sunday morning.
 - All First Replies to Instructor's Forum Questions are to be posted on the Web Board by Wednesday 7 PM.
 - Follow-up Replies (at least two follow-up replies per student are required) are to be put on the Web Board throughout the week.
- Project: Follow Guidelines and Post Project four Progress Reports.

COURSE PROJECT

The Course Project involves a staged process of

- selecting a local religious community different from one's own,
- making an appointment for an onsite visit to a liturgical gathering (i.e. a "worship service") and for separate interviews with at least three persons of the community,
- collecting general information from internet and other resources,
- preparing questions for an onsite visit and interviews,
- conducting onsite visit and interviews,
- organizing information, conclusions and new questions
- putting into a presentation format

MID-TERM AND FINAL TESTS

The MID-TERM will be posted on the web board Sunday, May 6th, 7:00 AM. It will include short answer essay questions on assigned homework and discussions to that point in the course. The MIDTERM must be emailed to the instructor not later than 5 PM, Saturday, May 12, 2001. Study Guide homework and web posting will help you prepare.

The FINAL EXAM will be administered to students with a current ID on the Chaminade University campus Saturday, 1:00 PM, June 9, 2001, room to be announced. This test will be closed book. It will test knowledge of the material in the texts and the online discussions. Use Study Guide homework and all web postings to review for FINAL.

The best way to prepare for these tests is to do all the assigned homework.

The Course Project must be handed in the Instructor's hands not later than 5 PM, Saturday, June 9, 2001, the date and time of the FINAL EXAM.

GRADING BASIS

Grades will reflect Chaminade standards: "A" significant scholarship and unusual intellectual initiative, "B" superior work, "C" competent grasp of subject matter, "D" inferior work, "F" failure to grasp the minimum of subject matter.

Completion of the course requires all of the following:

- Completion of all homework including Participation in the Instructor's Forum (i.e. at least three posts per student per week.) and posting Website Reviews
- MID TERM and FINAL EXAM
- Course Project

Work will count toward the final grade as follows:

Website Reviews and Instructor's Forum Participation	25% (Weekly pass/fail)
MID-TERM	25%
FINAL	25%
COURSE PROJECT	25%

Final grades will be earned as follows:

> 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D
59 >	F

"Incomplete" will be given only in cases of documented extraordinary circumstances beyond a student's control and consistent with Chaminade policy.