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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU

Religion 10390

Religions and the Human Community

Winter Evening Term

January 13 – March 17, 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

- Distinguish among religions studied (Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam) as to origins, practices, and significance.
- Explore and integrate their own evolving community and religious intuitions in relation to religious concepts and practices studied.
- Research a religious tradition/community 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.

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 campus:

- Saturday, January 13, 2001 for an initial orientation to the course
- Saturday, March 17, 2001 final examination (time and location to be announced)

CLASS WEB BOARD:

New information and resource links will be added to the web board each week. Check the web board frequently throughout the week.

This syllabus will be posted on the web board as will the Integrating Questions (IQ) for weekly discussion. Guidelines for the field research project will also be posted, plus study guides for the First and the Final Tests.

Homework is to be posted weekly by Tuesday and first responses to each other's IQ posts made by Thursday.

SCHEDULE:

<u>Week Beginning</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Homework (first post due by Tuesday)</u>
Jan 13	Oral Religions	Read Text Chapter 2 (T2) Complete Study Guide Chapter 2 (SG2), Post Short-Answer Study Questions (SASTQ2) and Post Reflection Exercises (RE2), Respond to and Discuss Integrating Questions (IQ)
Jan 20	Hinduism	T3, SG3, SASTQ3, RE3, IQ
Jan 27	Buddhism	T4, SG4, SASTQ4, RE4, IQ
Feb 3	Taoism and Confucianism	T6, SG6, SASTQ6, RE6, IQ
Feb 10	Project	Post and Discuss Project Plan, Study for First Test
Feb 17	First Test	Post and Discuss First Draft Project
Feb 24	Judaism	T8, SG8, SASTQ8, RE8, IQ
Mar 3	Christianity	T9, SG9, SASTQ9, RE9, IQ
Mar 10	Islam	T10, SG10, SASTQ10, RE10, IQ

Mar 17

Second Test

Study for Second Test
Project Due March 17

HOMWORK

- Responses to Study Guide questions are to be on the Web Board by Tuesday
- Responses to Integrating Questions are to be on the Web Board by Tuesday
- Responses to other students' IQ remarks are to be put on the Web Board throughout the week

COURSE PROJECT

The Course Project involves a staged process of

- selecting a local religious community different from one's own,
- collecting information from onsite visits, internet, and other resources,
- collating information,
- performing analysis and
- articulating conclusions and further hypotheses to be explored.

A worksheet and further information will be available online according to the schedule. Interim reports and the final course project will be submitted online.

FIRST AND SECOND TESTS

The first test will be given online. It will include short answer essay questions on assigned homework and the discussions to that point in the course. It needs to be sent email to the instructor not later than Noon, Tuesday, February 20, 2001.

The second test will be administered at Chaminade on Saturday, March 17, 2001 at a time and room to be announced. This test will also involve short answer essay questions and will be open book but time limited.

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:

- On time placing on the Web Board of all homework (Study Guide Questions, Integrating Questions, Project Process)

- Participation in the Web Board Integrating Question Dialogue (i.e. second and third posts) on all Integrating Questions
- First and Second Tests
- Course Project

Work will count toward the final grade as follows:

Initial Posts	20%	(pass/fail)
Responses to Posts	20%	(pass/fail)
First Test	20%	
Second Test	20%	
Project	20%	

Final grades will be earned as follows:

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

With the possible exception of documented emergencies, there will be no extensions given on posts, tests or project due dates.

Any student failing to submit assignments or meet the requirements for this course is advised to withdraw from the course in order to avoid a final grade of “F”.

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