

**Chaminade University of Honolulu
Summer Evening 2003**

**July 7, 2003 - September 15, 2003
Schofield**

Course: RE 103/0 World Religions

Time and Day: Fridays, 1730-2140

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Textbook: Experiencing the Worlds Religions
Tradition, Challenge and Change
Michael Malloy
Mayfield Publishing Co., CA: 2002

Introduction: Religious ideas and practices have been a part of humanity's experience since the prehistoric period. So powerful is the force in humans it has produced diverse and complex beliefs, practices and attitudes worldwide. Religions profound impact has shaped the course of human history, civilizations, cultures and government. In this twenty first century each of us are more than citizens of our nation, we are also global "citizens". As citizens of this new age, it is important to be familiar with traditions, beliefs and values of people of other countries; other cultures and other religions. This seminar aims to help you understand some of the values that individual religions give their followers. It is also important that you are also informed of some of the transformations that characterize the evolution of various religious traditions into their current forms.

Description: This course will introduce you to major religions of the world - Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Confucianism, Shinto, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It will also include oral religions with an emphasis on Hawaii's religious traditions.

Objectives: At the end of this course you will have increased your awareness of the important elements of major religions - their sacred stories, symbols, ritual, doctrine, moral codes, and artistic expression. You will also have increased knowledge of indigenous religious traditions. You will recognize the differences among religions and better understand the challenges that arise when different religions collide or converge.

Course Format: This course is divided into thirds; and there will be three examinations, one at the end of each third of the course. The examinations are noncumulative.

1st Oral religions with emphasis on Hawai'i and Polynesia

Religions that developed in India

2nd Religions of China and Japan

3rd Abrahamic Religions

Requirements: Class Attendance, participation in discussions, examination scores, student presentation (10 min) including presentation outline, references and handouts. Also required: a 3 minute show and tell presentation, and a reaction paper to a site visit. There may be a third short presentation if time permits.

Examination questions will be multiple choice, fill in the blank and essay. Your presence is required for examinations. Questions will be from text, lectures, supplemental reading, videos, student presentations and guest speakers.

*Tentative exam dates are:
Aug. 1, Aug. 22 and Sept. 12*

Student presentation on a religious tradition, ritual, practice, belief, symbol or other. Examples: Religious Aspects in Making Hawaiian Weapons; The Color Red - What it means in Taoism; A Child's Role in Islamic Traditions; Religion and War Strategy, etc...

*3 min. and 10 min. Presentations:
July 25 - Sept. 5
(Outline and references due on day of presentation)*

Reaction paper - discoveries, impressions and critique of your visit to a shrine, church service, or other religious site.

Reaction paper due: Sept. 5
(Site visit on your own except during class time)

Grading System:

Grading Components:	1. Attendance	__10__	points
	2. Participation	__10__	points
	3. Exam 1	__60__	points
	4. Exam 2	__60__	points
	5. Final Exam	__60__	points
	6. Presentation/Research and Outline	__60__	points
	7. 3 Minute Show/Tell	__15__	points
	8. Reaction Paper	__10__	points
	9. 3 Minute Share or Video/Fill In fill in	__15__	points

Total 300

Grading Scale:

A = 300 - 290, B = 289 - 270, C = 269 - 250, D = 249 - 230, F = 229

Course Activities: Video/Fill Ins, music, Oral Religion- short chant, genealogical chant, games, guest speakers and corresponding activities.

Other: Supplemental packet - maps, tables, Hawai'i topics