

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Fall Evening 2003

October 6, 2003 - December 18, 2003

Course: RE 103¹⁰ World Religions

Time and Day: Thursday Evenings

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M - W after 11am ; F - after 10 am

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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 our experience since the prehistoric period. This sometimes indefinable force and inarticulate inner experience has produced diverse and complex beliefs, practices and attitudes worldwide. These we have come to know as religions or religious traditions. Traditions and practices that have shaped the course of human history, civilizations, cultures, government and human lives. 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 will also explore some of the transformations that have shaped some major religions and also review 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 oral religious tradition.

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
Religions that developed in India*
- 2nd Religions of China and Japan*
- 3rd Abrahamic Religions*

Requirements: Class Attendance, participation in discussions, examination scores, 2 student presentations (3-5 min) including presentation outline, references and handouts. A reaction paper about a visit to a religious site.
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:
Oct 23, Nov 13, and Dec 18*

Student (3-5 min) presentation on a religious tradition, ritual, practice, belief, symbol or other. Examples: Religious Aspects in Making Hawaiian Weapons; Gospel Music and Slavery; Buddha Statutes and Postures; Religion and War Strategy, etc...

*Presentations:
Oct 30 - Dec 18*

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

Reaction paper due: Dec. 11
(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. (1) 3- 5 min Presentation/Research and Outline	30	points
	7. (2) 3 - 5 min	30	points
	8. Reaction Paper	10	points
	9. Video/Fill In fill in	10	points

Total 280

Grading Scale:

A = 280 - 270, B = 269 - 250, C = 249 - 230, D = 230- 219, F = 218

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

Session/Class Schedule:

(Week 1)

Course information, packets
Chapters 1 & 2
1st Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
3&10 minute Presentation information
Hawaii /Oral Religions
Special Terms Review
Break 15 minutes
Activity
2nd Video/Fill In w/ Fill in
Questions/ wrap up

(Week 2)

Review Chapters 1 & 2
Chapters 3& 4 Religions of India
1st Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
Continue Hinduism/Buddhism
Submit 3 min Presentation Topic/Discuss
Sign up
Break 15 minutes
Video/Fill In
Oral Religions
Questions/wrap up

(Week 3)

Review Chapters 3&4
Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhs
Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes

Student Presentations - 3 minutes
Questions/Discussion
Discuss Exam
Review for 1st Exam
Questions/wrap up

(Week 4)

Review for Exam
Exam
Break 15 minutes
Chapters 5& 6 Religions of Asia

Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
Student Presentations - 3 minutes
Discussion/Activity
Video/Fill In

(Week 5)

Review Exam
Video/Fill In
Chapters 5 & 6
Break 15 minutes
Presentations - 3 minutes
Discussion/Activity
Video/Fill In

Early release for site visit

(Week 6)

Review Chapters 5& 6
Review for Exam 2
Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
Presentations
Discussion/Activity

(Week 7)

Exam 2
Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
Presentations
Discussion/Activity
Break 15 minutes
Chapters 7 & 8
Video/Fill In
Questions/wrap up

(Week 8)

Review Exam
Presentations
Discussion
Break 15 minutes
Chapters 9 & 10
Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
Activity
Continue Chapters
Video/Fill In

(Week 9)

Chapters 11 & 12
Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
Presentations
Discussion
Video/Fill In
Break 15 minutes
Activity
Review for Final Exam

(Week 10)

Final Exam
Extra Credit