

## REL 212 – World Religions

### Course Description

Offers a comparative approach to religious world views in relation to the origin of all things, the nature of god, view of human nature, view of good v evil, view of “salvation”, life after death, daily practices and rituals, and celebrations. Presents a conceptual, historical, and cultural survey of the major world religions. Examines major religious practices and belief systems. Analyzes the impact of religion on cultures and societies around the world and in the lives of students as well.

### Instructional Materials

Fisher, M. P. (2014). *Living religions* (9th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson.

### Course Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze what is meant by religion.
2. Analyze the similarities and differences in the primary beliefs held by major religious traditions and the cultures in which these religions evolved.
3. Describe the varieties of religious experience and practice in a wide range of cultures.
4. Recognize how daily life within various religions and current affairs are influenced by religion.
5. Develop written pieces that demonstrate an analysis of a topic relevant to the course.
6. Use technology and information resources to research issues in religion.
7. Write clearly and concisely about world religions using proper writing mechanics.