



University of Oklahoma
Honors College

Perspectives on the American Experience
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Class: Wednesdays 11:30-12:20, Honors College (CCD5) 180/181
Section 041: Wednesdays 1:30-2:20, Honors College 182
Section 042: Wednesdays 2:30-3:20, Honors College 182

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RELIGION AND GLOBALIZATION

Assignments

August 23-26 [Week 1: Course Introductions](#)

August 27-September 2 [Week 2: Understanding Religion](#)

September 3-9 [Week 3: Oral Religions](#)

September 10-16 [Week 4: Hinduism](#)

September 17-23 [Week 5: Buddhism](#)

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October 15-21	<u>Week 9: Judaism</u>	<u>Research Project</u>
October 22-28	<u>Week 10: Christianity</u>	
October 29-November 4	<u>Week 11: Islam</u>	<u>Portals</u>
November 5-11	<u>Week 12: Alternative Paths</u>	<u>Blackboard</u>
November 12-18	<u>Week 13: The Modern Search</u>	<u>ezBoard</u>
November 19-25	<u>Week 14: Research Projects</u>	<u>McGraw-Hill</u>
November 26-December 2	<u>Week 15: Research Projects</u>	
December 3-9	<u>Week 16: Course Conclusions</u>	<u>Resources</u>
December 10-16	<u>Week 17: Final Examination</u>	<u>Support</u>



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Course Description

This course is an interdisciplinary survey of human religious traditions and their relationship to the ongoing process of globalization. How have various religious communities contributed to the emergence of a global society, and how have they adapted to this new social context? Relying on the theories and methods of comparative religious studies, we explore themes of similarity and difference, continuity and change, migration and indigenization. Course readings include conventional texts and electronic materials; class meetings focus on contemporary issues and feature guest speakers and audiovisual presentations. Students have the opportunity to deepen their appreciation for human religious diversity, to broaden their understanding of responsible citizenship in the context of an emerging global society, and to develop their critical skills for use in academic, professional, and personal settings.

The course texts can be purchased at the [Bookstore](#) in Oklahoma Memorial Stadium and are also available at the [Reserve Desk](#) in Bizzell Memorial Library:

Michael Molloy, *Experiencing the World's Religions: Tradition, Challenge, and Change*, 3rd ed. (New York, NY: McGraw-Hill, 2004).

Jonathan Z. Smith (ed.), *The HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion* (New York, NY: HarperCollins and the American Academy of Religion, 1995).

The University of Oklahoma is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for all students with disabilities. Students with disabilities who require accommodations in this course are requested to speak with the professor as early in the semester as possible. Students with disabilities must be registered with the [Office of Disability Services](#) prior to receiving accommodations in this course. The Office of Disability Services is located in Goddard Health Center, Suite 166, phone 405/325-3852 or TDD only 405/325-4173.



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Meeting Schedule

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Section</i>
Week 1	August 23, 25	Course Introductions	NO SECTION
Week 2	September 1	Understanding Religion	Personal Introductions
Week 3	September 8	Oral Religions	Oral Presentations
Week 4	September 15	Hinduism	Oral Presentations
Week 5	September 22	Buddhism	Oral Presentations
Week 6	September 29	Jainism and Sikhism	Oral Presentations
Week 7	October 6	Taoism and Confucianism	Oral Presentations
Week 8	October 13	Shinto	Oral Presentations
Week 9	October 20	Judaism	Oral Presentations
Week 10	October 27	Christianity	Oral Presentations
Week 11	November 3	Islam	Oral Presentations
Week 12	November 10	Alternative Paths	Oral Presentations
Week 13	November 17	The Modern Search	Oral Presentations
Week 14	November 24	NO CLASS	NO SECTION
Week 15	December 1	Research Projects	Personal Conclusions
Week 16	December 8	Course Conclusions	NO SECTION
Week 17	December 16	Final Examination	NO SECTION



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Assignment Schedule (Weeks 2-13)

	<i>Location</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Primary Reading	Molloy		
Reading Quiz	Blackboard	10 points	
Secondary Reading	Smith, Internet		
Readings Response	ezBoard		
Gradebook Notification	Blackboard	20 points	
			Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Peer Responses	ezBoard		
Gradebook Notification	Blackboard	10 points	
Speaker Questions	ezBoard		
Gradebook Notification	Blackboard	5 points	
			Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Class Meeting	Honors College 180/181		
Section Meeting	Honors College 182	10 points	
Oral Presentation	Honors College 182	30 points	
			Wednesday 11:30 a.m. / 1:30, 2:30 p.m.

Weekly Evaluation

Blackboard

Gradebook Notification

Blackboard

5 points

Thursday 10:00 a.m.

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Grading Schedule

Each assignment is evaluated on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis according to the following schedule.

Course Orientation			5 points
Reading Quizzes	12 @	10 points >>	120 points
Readings Responses	13 @	20 points >>	260 points
Peer Responses	13 @	10 points >>	130 points
Speaker Questions	12 @	5 points >>	60 points
Section Meetings	13 @	10 points >>	130 points
Oral Presentations	2 @	30 points >>	60 points
Weekly Evaluations	13 @	5 points >>	65 points
Research Project:			
Abstract			15 points
Bibliography			15 points
Outline			15 points
Paper			75 points
Final Examination			50 points
			1000 points

Any of the following assignments may be completed for extra credit.

Campus Event	limit 1 @	15 points
Community Event	limit 1 @	15 points
Writing Consultation	limit 2 @	15 points
Research Interview	limit 2 @	15 points

Course grades are determined on a percentage basis according to the following schedule.

A =	93%	930-1000 points
B =	86%	860-929 points
C =	79%	790-859 points
D =	72%	720-789 points