

PHIL 226AC : Comparative World Religions

Examines major questions or issues addressed by religion in general. It also examines major representative systems of religious beliefs including the practices, historical development, and sociological development and context. The religious systems will be analyzed via specific doctrines and writings of each. Different aspects of religious beliefs and practice such as the absolute, the human problem, the human solution, rituals, the meaning of history, life after death, community and ethics, and attitudes toward other religions will be explored.

Credits 3

Lab/Practicum/Clinical Hours 0

Lecture Hours 3

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of, and familiarity with at least 10 religious traditions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, The Jains and Sikhs, Confucianism, Shintoism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.
- Demonstrate understanding of the tenets of the world's major religions and explain their value to individuals.
- Demonstrate skill in engaging in critical discussion/discourse regarding issues of diversity, particularly as they relate to religious practices throughout the world.
- Provide evidence of a "global consciousness" as it relates to understanding and appreciating religious traditions.