

# 0101R100

## Introduction to Religions

**Instructor:** TBA.

**Time:** December 14, 2026 - January 15, 2027

**Office Hours:** by appointment via Zoom

**Contact Hours:** 60 (50 minutes each)

**Credits:** 4

**E-mail:** TBA

### Course Description

This subject aims at providing students with a fundamental understanding of diverse types of religions and religious practices in today's world. At the same time, the course will examine the complex nature of religious phenomena, including religious knowledge and competing truth claims.

### Course Outline

Please note that the outline is meant to give an overview of the major concepts covered throughout this course. Changes may occur in this outline as needed to aid in the student's development.

- Module 1: Studying Religion
- Module 2: Hindu Traditions
- Module 3: Buddhist Traditions

- Module 4: Chinese and Korean Traditions
- Module 5: Jewish Traditions
- Module 6: Christian Traditions
- Module 7: Muslim Traditions
- Module 8: New Religious Movements

### Grading Policy

| Type                 | Percentage       |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Midterm Exam         | 30% (300 Points) |
| Research paper       | 30% (300 Points) |
| Final Exam           | 30% (300 Points) |
| Eight Module Quizzes | 10% (100 Points) |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>100%</b>      |

**Eight Module Quizzes:** Each module concludes with a quiz that consists of 5–10 questions on the identifications [i.e. key terms] which are provided for each of the units [i.e., modules] by the instructor. Each quiz is worth 1.25% of the overall grade thus cumulatively worth 10% of the overall grade.

**Midterm Exam:** The midterm exam will consist of multiple choice questions; true/false questions; mix and match questions; and a short essay. This exam is worth 30% of the overall course grade.

**Research paper:** 5-6 page analytical paper that evaluates a primary source document with one secondary source which will be provided by the instructor. Guidelines will be provided by the instructor.

**Final Exam:** The final exam will consist of multiple choice questions; true/false questions; mix and match questions; and a short essay. The final exam will be proctored.

## Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

| Definition   | Letter Grade | Score    |
|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Excellent    | A            | 90~100   |
| Good         | B            | 80~89    |
| Satisfactory | C            | 70~79    |
| Poor         | D            | 60~69    |
| Failed       | E            | Below 60 |

## Academic Integrity

As members of the Jinan University academic community, students are expected to be honest in all of their academic coursework and activities. Academic dishonesty, includes (but is not limited to) cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, i.e., misrepresenting as one's own work any work done by another; submitting the same paper, or a substantially similar paper, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of the instructors concerned; or sabotaging other students' work within these general definitions. Instructors, however, determine what constitutes academic misconduct in the courses they teach. Students found guilty of academic misconduct in any portion of the academic work face penalties that range from the lowering of their course grade to awarding a grade of E for the entire course.