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REL1001: Approaches to Studying Religions (3 semester credits)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students in this course gain mastery of the basic concepts integral to the study of religion and will learn how these concepts apply in real-world situations. Students will analyze key components of religions as they apply to a range of different belief systems and will explore the role of religion in modern society.

COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: June 2021 - Present

PREREQUISITES: No prerequisites

LENGTH OF COURSE: This is a self-paced course. Students may use as much or as little time as needed to complete the course.

ACE CREDIT® RECOMMENDATION: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in humanities.

GRADING: This is a pass/fail course. Students must complete 15 Challenges (formative assessments), 4 Milestones (summative assessments), and 3 Touchstones (project-based or written assessments) with an overall score of 70% or better.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Investigate the major approaches to studying religion.
2. Identify common elements of religions.
3. Analyze religion's impact on individuals, society, and the world.
4. Evaluate social, ethical, and cultural topics through the lens of religion.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- Reasons for Studying Religion
• Religious & Political Issues
• Atheistic States
• Many "Worlds" in One
• Religious Wars & Violence
• Liberation Theology, Economic Inequality, and Social Justice
• Religious Inclusion and Exclusion

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