Florida Institute of Technology

ADDING A NEW COURSE TO THE CURRICULUM

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SUBJECT  HUM  COURSE NO.  1024  CREDIT HOURS  3  TERM TO BE ADDED TO THE FILE  Spring 2008  (e.g., Fall 2006)

CLASS HOURS  45 hours  LECTURE HOURS  LAB HOURS  CONTACT HOURS (CEU ONLY)  

DEPARTMENT  Humanities and Communication  SCHEDULE TYPE  Virtual Classroom (H)

☐ COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS-23  ☑ COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY AND LIBERAL ARTS-25
☐ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS-24  ☐ COLLEGE OF SCIENCE-26
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COMPUTER TITLE  Restricted to 25 characters, including spaces  Western Religions

CATALOG TITLE  Religions of the World 1: Western Religions

CATALOG DESCRIPTION OF COURSE  Limited to 350 characters, including spaces

Studies western religions. Includes religions of nonliterate societies and ancient religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

In addition, you may attach a course syllabus and/or more detailed description.

RESTRICTIONS  ☐ Prerequisite  ☐ Corequisite  Course Number  Course Number

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GRADES TO BE ISSUED  ☑ A, B, C, D, F

☐ A, B, C, D, F, CEU  ☐ CEU

☐ S, U  ☐ P, F

☐ Other

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTION  For BANNER enforcement, restricted to students enrolled in University Alliance (U)

(e.g., Major, Class Level, Department Head Approval)

If this course replaces a course currently offered in BISK, please indicate old course information.

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Dean or Associate Dean  Date  OR

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HUM 1024 Western Religions
Credit Hours: 3
PreReq: None

Course Description: Studies western religions: their origins, history and sacred texts. Includes religions of nonliterate societies and ancient religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Objectives:
1. Investigate the archaic and primitive religions and Bellah’s theory of the development of religion.
2. Answer the question why people are religious at all.
3. Familiarize the student with the basic tenets and practices of those religions which are an integral part of our culture.
4. Investigate the Jewish notions of the divine “I Am,” creation, covenant, Torah and prophesy.
5. Be initiated into the scholarship surrounding the interpretation and development of Scripture. What does it mean to say, “scripture is the Word of God”?
6. Understand what benefits and problems derive from the focus of Islam on the Qur’an and the shari’ah.
7. Know the history of these three religions.
8. Know the major doctrines of Christianity: Incarnation, Trinity, Atonement
9. Understand that the Qur’an is a sacred book of signs that has no single message. Be introduced to its interpretation as it can only be properly understood through its history.

Tentative Course Outline:
1. Introduction
2. Archaic and Primitive Religions
3. An Overview of Jewish History
4. The Hebrew Bible
5. Biblical History
6. The Babylonian Exile and it’s importance in the history of Judaism and the Bible
7. The Development of Rabbinical Judaism
8. Judaism and the Modern World
9. Jewish religious practice
10. The Life and Teachings of Jesus
11. Early Christian Beliefs and History. Paul and the Development of the Canon
12. The Early Spread of Christianity
13. Augustine and the Monastic Movement
14. The Eastern Orthodox Church
15. Christianity in the Middle Ages, the Protestant Reformation and the Counter – Reformation
16. Christianity Today
17. Christian Practice
18. The Life and teachings of Muhammad
19. Essentials of Islam
20. The Historical Development of Islam
21. Islamic Law and Philosophy
22. Islam and the Modern World

       Scriptures of The West, 2nd Edition, James Fieser

Grading:

Book Review          -30%
Quizzes              -20%
Other Written Assignments -20%
                       (Church visit; Personal Religious History)
Essays                -20%
Discussion Board Postings -10%