

GSP169 Religion in the Modern World

Level: 1

Credit Units: 2.5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: ALL SEMESTERS

Synopsis:

This course introduces the study of religion and discusses some of the themes that relate to religion in the modern world. Religion continues to be an important feature of the modern world. Global events and developments, including conflicts and crises, could be precipitated by religious movements or motivations. At the same time, religions also play a critical role in forging harmony and peaceful relations between communities.

We do not assess nor judge the truth-claims or the worldviews of religions, but we seek to understand what these are, why they exist and how they have been preserved over time, as part of our larger attempt to better understand human societies.

Through an exploration of different religions guided by academic curiosity and respect for differences, students will be able to appreciate religious diversity whilst recognising key challenges that could threaten social cohesion and peaceful co-existence.

Topics:

- Definition of religion
- Reasons for studying religion
- Religious traditions
- Religious communities
- Religion in society
- Future of religion

Textbooks:

GSP169 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS) SUSS
ISBN-13: SG-0786

Experiencing the World's Religions: Tradition, Challenge, and Change 8th Molloy, Michael McGraw-Hill
ISBN-13: 9781260813746

Learning Outcome:

- Discuss the concept of religion.
- Describe the origins, sources and teachings of the five religions studied in the course (Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Hinduism, and Christianity).
- Identify the role of religion in society.
- Explain the concept of religious diversity in the modern world and its social impact.
- Demonstrate understanding of comparative studies of the religions and integrate this understanding into practical knowledge.
- Develop respect, tolerance and empathy for religious differences.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	40
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	40
	QUIZ 1	20
Total		100

Assessment Strategies - Special Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	40
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	40
	QUIZ 1	20
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.

