

**PHILOSOPHY 1304**  
**Introduction To World Religions**

**Western Texas College**  
**Department of Social Sciences**

- I. Basic Course Information
  - A. Course description – A comparative study of major world religions, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
  - B. Prerequisites - Student should have a proficiency in reading & writing.
- II. Student Learning Outcomes. Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
  - A. Read, analyze, and critique religious texts.
  - B. Demonstrate knowledge of beliefs, practices, values, and terminology of major world religions.
  - C. Trace the historical developments and cultural expressions of world religions.
  - D. Articulate key conceptual distinctions in world religions.
  - E. Communicate understanding of world religions, orally or in writing.
  - F. Communicate ways of living responsibly in a world where people have diverse religious beliefs.
- III. Major Course Requirements
  - A. Reading: There will be weekly reading assignments for each week of the course.
  - B. Exams: There will be three to four major exams spaced throughout the semester.
  - C. Writing Assignments: There will be multiple writing assignments spaced throughout the semester.
- IV. Information on Books and Other Course Materials
  - A. *World Religions, A Historical Approach*, Fourth Edition, by Solomon A. Nigosian  
ISBN-13: 978-0-312-44237-8
- V. Other Policies: Please refer to the WTC Course [Catalog](#) for the following:
  - A. Campus Calendar
  - B. Final Exam schedule
  - C. How to drop a class
  - D. Withdrawal information
  - E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
  - F. Students with disabilities
- VI. Course Organization & Tentative Schedule\*

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Reading Assignments</b>
Week 1	Course Introduction	

Week 2-3	The Study of World Religions	Chapter 1
Week 4-5	Hinduism	Chapter 10
Week 6-7	Buddhism	Chapter 11
Week 8-9	Judaism	Chapter 17
Week 10-11	Christianity	Chapter 18
Week 12-13	Islam	Chapter 19
Week 14-15	Other Religions (Topics vary)	To be determined
Week 16	Final Exam	

\*The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change.

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