

HUMA207N : Comparative World Religions

A survey course exploring the universality of religion in human experience and in various cultures. This course will cover the religious traditions that have a major influence in our world today: Taoism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, the Sikhs, Baha'i, and Native American spirituality. Cultural or societal change and the relationship of religion with socio-political conditions will be referenced, but emphasis will be placed on a comparison of religious ideas, ethics, rituals, devotional practices and the teachings of the founders, prophets, and major leaders who have shaped each religious tradition (rather than on institutional history). A portion of the study of each religion will focus on reading selections from its primary sources: sacred myths, and scriptures.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

ENGL101N or ENGL110N.