

Major World Religions 313 Associate Degree Level



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

This course compares the major religions of the world. Students will learn about the beliefs and structure of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Identify each major religion of the world.
- 2.) List its basic tenants, practices, and beliefs.
- 3.) Point out the greatest areas of each religion's location.
- 4.) Compare and contrast each religion with the truth of Christianity.
- 5.) State the chosen sacred text of each World Religion.
- 6.) Explain the basic beliefs of each religion.
- 7.) Expound upon the types of followers each religion attracts.
- 8.) Name the founder of each religion.
- 9.) Provide examples of people converted from pagan religion to Christianity.

Topics/Concepts:

- The definition of religion
- The sacred writings involved in each religion and where they originated
- The background and upbringing of the founders of major world religions
- The eightfold path of Buddhism
- The development of the Christian church
- The nature of God
- Divisions in Hinduism
- The five pillars of Islam
- Various branches of Judaism

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Major World Religions, Dorsey L. Burk

Recommended Alternatives:

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism

Languages Available:

English, Spanish and French

Course Packet Resources:

Power Point

Answer Key

eBook

Additional Materials available by request at gats@upci.org

Comments:

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