

# *Major World Religions*



*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:*

*Course Packet Resources:*

*Comments:*

*Date of Last Revision:*