



# Soochow University

## RLGN 1012 World Religions II

### Course Outline

Summer, 2020

The course introduces a variety of religions, with a focus on their origins and history, places, philosophies and religious practices. Students will explore how religions are related to individual life and how religious thoughts and wisdom have an impact on our society. This course will discuss religions of Iraq and Iran, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, world religions and globalization.

### **Course Information**

Contact Hours: 54 hours

Credits: 3 credits

Course Prerequisite: RLGN 1011 World Religion I

Instructor: TBA

### **Course Objectives**

Upon successfully completing the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the development of the religion, the religious practice and the impact of religion
2. Discuss the issues related to the religions and the influence of religions on individuals



3. Compare the similarities and differences between religions

### **Textbooks/Materials**

Warren Matthews. (2010). *World Religions*, 6th edition, Wadsworth, Cengage Learning Press.

### **Attendance Requirements and Academic Integrity**

Students are required to attend classes on the scheduled time. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

- Missing less than two classes: no penalty.
- Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

Exams must be taken on the scheduled day and location. There will be no makeup exam for summer sessions.

Soochow University values academic integrity, respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility. Students must be aware of and comply with Soochow University's Academic Integrity policies. Any cheating, falsification, plagiarism, impersonation or any attempting to commit the above will be reported to the university's administration office. Any academic dishonesty behaviors will be kept on record and students will be punished according to the rules.



## Evaluation and Grading

Participation and Homework	10%
2 Essays	20% for each
Midterm Test	20%
Final Exam	30%

**Total:** 100%

Homework will be given on a regular basis in order to reinforce the understanding of specific skills and they should be submitted to the course website. Students will be given a list of essay topics and be required to write their essay independently. Essays should be handed in via the course website and in 12 font size, double spaced format. More details will be discussed in class.

Midterm Test will be held on the middle of the class while the Final Exam will be on the last day of the class. More details will be informed in class.

Soochow University's grading scale is shown as the following:

Letter Grade	Score Grade	Grade Point Average
A+	95-100	4.0
A	90-94	4.0
A-	85-89	3.7
B+	80-84	3.3
B	75-79	3.0
B-	72-74	2.7



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C+	68-71	2.3
C	65-67	2.0
C-	60-64	1.7
D+	55-59	1.3
D	50-54	1.0
F	< 50	0.0

### Course Topics

1. Week of July 20<sup>th</sup>:

Ancient Religions of Iraq

Ancient Religions of Iran

2. Week of July 27<sup>th</sup>: **Essay 1 due (20%)**

Judaism

Christianity

3. Week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Midterm Test (20%)**

Midterm Revision

Midterm Test

Islam

Islam and the future

4. Week of August 10<sup>th</sup>: **Essay 2 due (10%)**

New Forms of Older Religions



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Theosophical Society

5. Week of August 17<sup>th</sup>: **Final Exam (30%)**

Globalization and World Religions

Community and Ethics

Final Revision