PHIL201
Introduction to World Religions

Program : International Class 2021

Term : Fall 2021

Contact hours : 54

Fudan Credits: 3

Course Description:
Religion is one of the most powerful forces that inherited from ancient human culture. Religious beliefs in some degrees can be so powerful that human would practice and follow the lead. This course will introduce various religious symbol, beliefs that are existed in world so far which includes Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam and other indigenous traditions from India, China, Japan, middle-east and western countries. In addition to these beliefs, this course will provide a general demonstration of the origin of religions as well as the history and practices of them, and arrange the field visits to local religious sites.

Course Goals:
On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
1. Recognize the main symbols of different religions
2. Understand the general reason behind each religious beliefs.
3. Explain the role and what effects that religious have had on human development.
4. Analyze religious practices.
5. Engage with people who have religions.

Prerequisites:
Undergraduate students

Required Texts:

1. Robert S. Ellwood, Barbara A. McGraw, *Many Peoples, Many Faiths:Women and Men in the World Religions,* 10th edition, London and New York:Routledge, 2016, ISBN-13: 9780205797110 .
2. Michael Molly, *Experiencing the World's Religion, Tradition,Challenge and Change,*5th edition, NY:McGraw-Hill, 2010, ISBN:978-0-07-340750-0
3. Paul Gwynne,*World Religions in Practice:A Comparative Introduction* ,2nd edition, Oxford:Blackwell Publishing, 2018, ISBN:978-1-4051-6703-1

Assessment:

Assessment Task	Weighting
1. Attendance & Participation	10%
2. Quizzes	30%

3. Essay	30%
4. Final Exam	30%

General Expectation:

1. Quiz will be taken in the beginning of the each lecture to check the reading assignment.
2. A small essay on a religious visit for mid-term, and instructing outline for the writing will be given before the first visit.
3. Discussion and questions are encouraged in the classroom.

Course Schedule:

Day	Topic	Chapter
1	Introduction: What is Religion?	MPMR"Understanding WRH"
2	Cosmic Religions	MPMR, "The Sacred in Nature"
3	Religions in India	MPMR, "Life against time"
4	Jainism and Sikhism	EWR, "Jainism and Sikhism"
5	Site visit	Buddhism Temple and Christian Church
6	Buddhism I	MPMR, "Wisdom Embarked"
7	Taoism	EWR"Daoism and Confucisnism"
8	Confucianism	EWR, "Daoism and Confucisnism"
9	Site visiting and essay	Tao Temple and Mosque
10	Others in Asia	EWR "Shinto"
11	Judaism	MPMR "Keeping Covenant"
12	Christianity I	MPMR"Spreading the word of God"
13	Islam I	MPMR"Spreading the word of God"
14	New Religious Movements Review	MPMR, "Spirit Rising"
15	Final Exam	