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Leadership University
Apologetics 203
WORLD RELIGIONS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will prepare students for witnessing to adherents of major world religions. As well as apologetic discourse with members of various religions so as to not insult them while defending biblical standards of belief.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course:

1. Students will understand how various religions doctrines compare with Christianity's definition of God, life after death, and process of salvation/forgiveness of sin.
2. Students will gather and research biblical concepts and doctrines on religions in their communities.
3. Students will gain confidence to share the gospel and help members of our faith communities outside of Christianity, come to Jesus.
4. Students will be able to confront the lack conformity and uniformity of religious views in our current culture. Distinguishing Jesus alone as the Way the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)!

REQUIRED TEXTS

World Religions In A Nutshell: A Complete Guide To Reaching Those Of Other Faiths. Ray Comfort. Bridge-Logos Publishers. October 5, 2008.

(Textbooks, workbooks, lab fees, etc. are a normal part of the cost of your education.) Photocopies of the pages will not be accepted for credit. This constitutes a breach of copyright law and drives up the cost of textbooks. You will enter your book assignments into the portal each week for review.

REQUIREMENTS

Attendance

You are expected to attend each class. Class attendance ensures your learning the material in its entirety. Only one excused absence will be allowed, with a prior approval by the professor. Unexcused absences are not acceptable and may result in the loss of points and/or the inability to complete assigned work.

Late Work

Late work will only be accepted under special circumstances and only with **prior approval** from the teaching assistant or teacher assigned to the class (see guidelines for absences). If late work is allowed, a late penalty of 10% will be applied.

Integrity

Leadership University upholds the highest of standards when it comes to development of classwork and assignments. All work should be your own. Plagiarism is unacceptable and will result in an immediate failure of the course.

1. If you did not write the words, they do not belong in your paper. You cannot COPY AND PASTE anything from a book, the internet or any other source and put it in your paper.
2. Do NOT include direct quotes unless the quote is cited properly and gives the author credit. Describe the material in your own words. Do not use words you do not understand.
3. You are free to consult with classmates about assignments, but please ensure that your work is your own. If your work looks too much like your classmates, plagiarism rules may be enforced.

ASSIGNMENTS

Students are required to complete reading assignments on time and be prepared for class discussions and activities.

All assignments must be entered into the portal using the Homework link at the bottom of each corresponding lesson. Grades cannot be given to assignments that are not turned in through the portal.

Quizzes are to be taken weekly at the end of instructional period. They are closed book and timed at 10 minutes.

Please refer to the FAQ page for instructional videos on how to use portal features. If a problem should arise with usage, please direct unresolved portal questions to IT by texting your name and issue to 951-878-8958.

An Overview of the Course Assignments:

1. Homework Assignments
2. Weekly Quizzes
3. Midterm
4. Final Exam

Points Possible

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| Quizzes (7 x 20) | 140 points |
| Homework (6 x 25) | 150 points |
| Midterm | 150 points |
| Final Exam | 200 points |

Total points possible = **640**

Grading Scale

A = 640 - 579

B = 578 - 518

C = 517 - 456

D = 455 - 396

F = 395 - 0

(Grades under 415 require remediation)

Course Schedule

| | Dates | Topic* | Assigned Reading | Assignment (Questions will be assigned weekly from lecture & reading topic) |
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| Week 1 | JAN. 12 | Apologetics and World Religions Intro | Intro Pg. 5 - 6 | Questions |
| Week 2 | JAN 19 | Eastern Religions A: Hinduism | Pg. 87 - 96 | Questions |
| Week 3 | JAN 26 | Eastern Religions B: Buddhism | Pg. 97 - 109 | Questions |
| Week 4 | FEB 2 | No Class Due to IMPARTATION | | |
| Week 5 | FEB 9 | Middle Eastern Religions: Islam & Judaism | Pg. 7 – 21, Pg. 53 - 67 | MIDTERM (TAKE HOME/OPEN BOOK) |
| Week 6 | FEB 16 | Pseudo Christian Religions A: Mormonism, Jehovah Witness, & Catholicism | Pg. 23 - 38 | Questions |
| Week 7 | FEB 23 | Pseudo Christian Religions B: Mormonism, Jehovah Witness, & Catholicism | Pg. 39 - 51, Pg. 69 – 86, | Questions |
| Week 8 | MARCH 2 | Secular Religions & Anti-Christian Worldviews | Pg. 111 - 151 | Questions |
| Week 9 | MARCH 9 | Christian Denominations | Study for final | |
| Week 10 | MARCH 16 | In Class Closed Book Final | | |

* The course lecture schedule will be adjusted and developed as the course unfolds. However, the book exercises—and all other assignments—will continue to be due on the dates identified in the schedule below.