

**COLLIN COLLEGE**  
**PHIL 1304 –Comp Religion**  
**Syllabi**

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**Course Number:** PHIL 1304

**Course Title:** Comparative Religion

**Course Description:** This course offers an introduction to the five major living religious traditions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Special emphasis will be placed on the history of each tradition as well as its contemporary expression. We will focus on such topics as the nature of God, religious expression, immortality, and human freedom.

**Course Credit Hours:** 3

**Pre-Requisite:** Must have taken and passed the READ test with minimum grade

**College Repeat Policy:** A student may repeat this course only once after receiving a grade, including “W.”

**Required Text:**

TBD

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. explain the similarities and differences among the major world religions;
2. explain the evolution of religion;
3. ask relevant questions regarding religion;
4. define “religion” clearly;
5. think critically and analytically, as demonstrated in written and oral arguments.

**Course Requirements:**

Two papers (1) Midterm Paper + (1) Final Book Review [100 pts each]

Two exams (1 in class & 1 take-home) [50 pts each]

Attendance & Participation [100 total possible points]

**Method of Evaluation:**

**Total: 400 points possible**

360-400= A

320-359= B

280-319= C

240-279= D

239-below= F

**NOTE:** Student absences will deduct **five (5) points per absence** from their total attendance and participation grade. So please make every effort to be in class, ready to discuss. I DO NOT receive emailed assignments, or late assignments. There is NO extra credit work, and no make up testing since the summer term is extremely expedited.

**Attendance Policy:** Please see the current *Collin Registration Guide* for the last day to withdraw.

**Religious Holy Days:** Please refer to the current *Collin Student Handbook*.

**ADA Statement:** It is the policy of Collin County Community College to provide reasonable accommodations

for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodation as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-G200 or 972. 881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) in a timely manner to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

**Academic Ethics:** The College District may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts, or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one's own work material that is not one's own. Scholastic dishonesty may involve, but is not limited to, one or more of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, use of annotated texts or teacher's editions, and/or falsifying academic records.

**Plagiarism** is the use of an author's words or ideas as if they were one's own without giving credit to the source, including, but not limited to, failure to acknowledge a direct quotation.

**Cheating** is the willful giving or receiving of information in an unauthorized manner during an examination, illicitly obtaining examination questions in advance, copying computer or Internet files, using someone else's work for assignments as if it were one's own, or any other dishonest means of attempting to fulfill the requirements of a course.

**Collusion** is intentionally aiding or attempting to aid another in an act of scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to, providing a paper or project to another student; providing an inappropriate level of assistance; communicating answers to a classmate during an examination; removing tests or answer sheets from a test site, and allowing a classmate to copy answers.

**Classroom Conduct:**

Electronic devices of any type are not permitted to be used in class at any time (cellphones, PDA's, etc.). The only device allowed will be a laptop computer for taking notes. Although, computers will not be allowed on the students' desk during examinations and testing.

Food and soft drinks are permitted so long as they do not cause distractions (foil paper tearing, can's being opened, crunching sounds from your mouth, etc.) or so long as there is no trash left behind. Upon the first infraction of these terms no food or drink will be allowed then on.

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**Course Structure & Overview**

**(Note: This is a rough, provisional outline):**

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