J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: REL 231  
Credits: 3

Course Title: Religions of the World I

Course Description: Studies religions of the world with attention to origin, history, and doctrine. Part I of II. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To provide a humanities elective which will enhance students’ reading, writing, and thinking skills, and view of other world religions in order to enhance their understanding of the world.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:  
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Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Understand Eastern ways of thinking in the context of major Eastern religions;
b. Understand the commonalities and differences between major Eastern religions; and
c. Enhance self-growth, broaden perspectives and evaluate one’s own beliefs.

Major Topics to Be Included:
1. Hinduism
2. Jainism
3. Buddhism
4. Taoism
5. Confucianism
6. Zen Shinto
7. Shinto

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