

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Course
Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: REL 230 **Credits:** 3

Course Title: Religions of the World

Course Description:

Introduces the major religions of the world: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Focuses on origins, history, basic beliefs, values, ethics, and practices. This is a Passport and UCGS transfer course. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. 3 credits

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

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- Understand Eastern ways of thinking in the context of major Eastern religions;
- Understand Western ways of thinking in the context of major Western religions;
- Understand the commonalities and differences between major Eastern and Western religions; and
- Enhance self-growth, broaden perspectives and evaluate one's own beliefs.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- Hinduism
- Jainism
- Buddhism
- Taoism
- Confucianism
- Zen Shinto
- Shinto
- Judaism
- Christianity
- Islam

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