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#### CCURSE SYLLABUS

RS 260 American Religious Development

3 credits
no prerequisites

### I CATALOG DESCRIPTION

A survey and analysis of topics which depict the role of religion in the U.S. e.g., Religion and the discovery/colonization/immigration trends of the U.S.; Religion and the Constitution; indigenous religious movements; American Indian religion; black religion; women in American religion; ecumenism; atheism; cults; mass media.

#### II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

- The students will understand the development of religious history of the American people from the beginning of the nation to the modern time.
- 2. To comprehend the impact of religion on the founding fathers of the U.S. as reflected in the Constitution, in the government, etc.
  - 3. To understand how the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom promotes the diversity of religious faiths in America.

#### III. COURSE OUTLINE

Introduction
Defining Religion
Religious Pluralism in America

Native American Traditions
Jewish Religion
Roman Catholoicism
Protestantism
Afro-American Religion
Women in American Religion
Indigenous American Religious Movements
Liberalism and Conservatism
The Impact of Eastern Religions

#### Religious Unity in America

The one dominant religion of the United States-Protestantism
Civil Religion
Cultural Religion
Ecumenism and Interfaith Cooperation
Important religious issues in America-prayer in school; evolution vs creation; abortion, etc.
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#### IV. EVALUTION METHODS

There will be three examinations which will cover materials assigned from the text books, supplemental readings as well as class lectures. Each exam will be counted equally.

Type of exam: objective, essays, explanation of terms, concepts, movements, etc.

### V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS, SUPPLEMENTAL BOOKS AND READINGS

Winthrop S. Hudson, Religion in America, 3rd. Ed. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1981

#### Supplemental readings:

Alan Watts, Nature, Man and Women, Vintage Robert Pirsig, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle maintenance, C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters, Mentor Book Walt Whitman, The leaves of grass,

In addition to the textbook, students will read at least one primary source book from the supplemental reading list.

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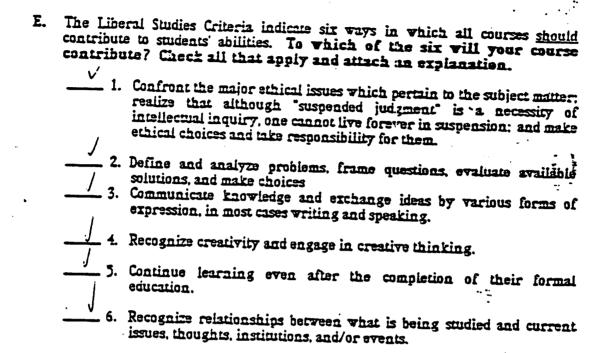
### PART I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. For which category(les) are you proposing the course? Check all that apply.

	LEARNING SKILLS
	First English Composition Course Second English Composition Course Mathematics
	KNOWLEDGE AREAS
·	Humanities: History Humanities: Philosophy/Religious Studies Humanities: Literature Fine Arts Natural Sciences: Laboratory Course Natural Sciences: Non-laboratory Course Social Sciences Health and Wellness Non-Western Cultures Liberal Studies Elective
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# PART IV. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE CURRICULUM CATEGORY IN WHICH IT IS TO BE LISTED?

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# PART III. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES? Please attach answers to these questions.

A. If this is a multiple-section, multiple-instructor course, there should be a basic equivalency (though not necessarily uniformity) among the sections in such things as objectives, content, assignments, and evaluation. Note: this should not be interpreted to mean that all professors must make the same assignments or teach the same way: departments are encouraged to develop their courses to allow the flexibility which contributes to imaginative, committed teaching and capitalizes on the streamgths of individual faculty.

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- B. Liberal Studies courses must include the perspectives and contributions of ethnic and racial minorities and of vomen wherever appropriate to the subject matter. If your attached syllabus does not make explicit that the course meets this criterion, please append an explanation of how it will.
- C. Liberal Studies courses must require the reading and use by students of at least one, but preferably more, substantial works of fiction or nonfiction (as distinguished from tembooks, anthologies, workbooks, or manuals). Your attached syllabus must make explicit that the course meets this exitation.

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D. If this is an introductory course intended for a general student audience, it should be designed to reflect the reality that it may well be the only formal college instruction these students will have in that discipline, instead of being designed as the first course in a major sequence. That is, it should introduce the discipline to students rather than introduce students into the discipline. If this is such an introductory course, how is it different from what is provided for deginating majors?

# PART II. WHICH LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS WILL YOUR COURSE MEET? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

All Liberal Studies courses must contribute to at least one of these goals: most will meet more than one. As you check them off, please indicate whether you consider them to be primary or secondary goals of the course. For example, a history course might assume "historical consciousness" and "acquiring a body of knowledge" as its primary goals, but it might also enhance inquiry skills or literacy or library skills. Keep in mind that no single course is expected to shoulder all by itself the responsibility for meeting these goals; our work is supported and enhanced by that of our colleagues teaching other courses.

		Primary	Secondary
À.	Intellectual Skills and Modes of Thinking:	,	
	1. Inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical analysis, synthesis, decision making, and other aspects of the critical process.		
	2. Literacy-writing, reading, speaking, listening	· /	
	3. Understanding numerical data		
	4. Historical consciousness	<u> </u>	•
	5. Scientific inquiry		<del></del>
	6. Values (ethical mode of thinking or application of ethical perception)	·	
	7. Aesthetic mode of thinking		
B.	Acquiring a Body of Knowledge or Under- standing Essential to an Educated Person	V	-
C.	Understanding the Physical Nature of Human Beings	<b>*</b>	
D.	Cartain Collatoral Skills:		en e
	1. Use of the library		
	2. Use of computing technology		

#### PART TWO: LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS

- Al. Students are introduced to the variety of topics of religions in America, i.e, Religion and the Constitution; Black religion; Women in American religion, ect. The students will critically evaluate these issues and learn to make sound judgement on them.
- A2. Literacy is enhanced through lecture, reading, discussion, exam.
- As One of the major objectives in this course is to understand the historical development of religions in America. The students will understand the role religion played in the founding of this country.
- A 6. The students will examine the various value systems in America and see in what way religion influence people in making ethical choice.
- B. Religion is an integral part of American life. Our history; government; our Constitution are inseparable with religion. To understand American religion would help the student to know their cultural heritage.

### PART THREE: GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES

- A. We offer only one section in this course. Periodic meetings at least once a semester will occur among instructors to assume commonality in the context of a generic syllabus.
  - B. Please see the syllabus.
  - C Please see the syllabus.
  - D. This course is not designed as the first course in a major sequence. We do not offer any higher level course in American religion. This is designed to meet the need of general students.
- E1. Many ethical issues will be raised in this course, i.e. abortion; prayer in public school; evolution vs creation. The students will understand the rational basis for their choice and to respect the choice of others.
- E2. In order to make sound decision one must first understand warious aspects of an issue. This course will help the students to identify the problems and analyze the issues.
- E3. Through lecture, class presentation, discussion, reading and exam.
- E4. The students will be introduced to the religious pluralism in American society, and critically analyze the basis for all these beliefs.

### CHECK LIST - LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

KROW	leage Area Criteria Which the course must meet:	
	Treat concepts, themes, and events in sufficient depth to enable students to appreciate the complexity, history, and current implications of what is being studied: and not be merely cursory coverages of lists of topics.	3
	Suggest the major intellectual questions/problems which interest practitioners of a discipline and explore critically the important theories and principles presented by the discipline.	- d
<u>/</u>	Allow students to understand and apply the methods of inquiry and vocabulary commonly used in the discipline.	đ
	Encourage students to use and enhance, wherever possible, the composition and mathematics skills built in the Skill Areas of Liberal Studies.	1 } }
Liber	al Studies Elective Criteria which the course must meet:	•
<u>'</u>	Meet the "General Criteria Which Apply to All Liberal Studies Courses."	
. /	Not be a technical, professional, or pre-professional course.	

Explanation: Appropriate courses are to be characterized by learning in its broad, liberal sense rather than in the sense of technique or professional proficiency. For instance, assuming it met all the other criteria for Liberal Studies, a course in "Theater History" might be appropriate, while one in "The Craft of Set Construction" probably would not; or, a course in "Modern American Poetry" might be appropriate, while one in "New Techniques for Teaching Writing in the Secondary Schools" probably would not; or, a course on "Mass Media and American Society" might be appropriate, while one in "Television Production Skills" probably would not; or, a course in "Human Anatomy" might be appropriate, while one in "Strategies for Biological Field Work" probably would not; or, a course in "Beginning French" might be appropriate, while one in "Practical Methods for Professional Translators" probably would not.

- E5. The students will be confronted with religious issues throughout their lives through news media, magazines. This course provides them the basic knowledge on which they could continue to build.
- E6. What is being studied in class is not merely academic but they are current issues which confront every individual in the society.

## PART FOUR: MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR THE CURRICULUM CATEGORY

The attached syllabus does indicate how this course meets each criterion for the curriculum category.

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COURSE SYLLABUS....a typical/generic syllabus which will vary somewhat from instructor to instructor....

### RS 290: CHRISTIANITY, 3 SH

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION. A study of the beliefs, practices, singificant persons, history, and cultural impact of Christianity.

### II. COURSE OBJECTIVES.

- 1. To provide students with an overview of Christianity.
- 2. To introduce students to an academic (non-sectarian and critical) study of Christianity.
- 3. To enhance the students historical consciousness of Christianity by examining the development and adaptation of Christian doctrine and practices.
- 4. To enhance the students' global consciousness of Christianity by going beyond its North American and Western European forms.

### III. COURSE OUTLINE.

- 1. Intro to the academic study of religion
- 2. The context for and life of Jesus; emergence of the Christian Church

-Roman/Graeco world -the experience of the Apostles -conflicts in the early -Jesus and the Bible Church

- 3. Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Christianity
  -Constantinople and Rome: political, liturgical, and doctrinal differences
- 4. The Reformation and Protestant Christianity
  -Humanism and the Renaissance
  -the Reformers
- 5. Christianity as a global religion
  -African & Asian experiences in the context of
  Liberation Theology
- 6. American Christianity
  -Afro-American experience
  -Feminist experience
  - -Fundamentalism and Liberalism
- 7. Christian worship and morality -sacraments and contemporary ethical issues
- 8. Christianity and the arts -architecture and icons
- 9. Christianity and religious pluralism
  -the encounter and dialogue with other world religions

### IV. EVALUATION METHODS.

- 1. Three exams: objective, essay, and cumulative
- 2. One written assignment: 5-7 pp.
- 3. One 5 minute oral report

#### V. TEXTBOOKS.

- 1. Mary Jo Weaver, Introduction To Christianity, Wadsworth, 1988.
- 2. The Bible (any edition with notes and commentary).
- 3. Martin Luther, Three Treatises, Mulhenberg, 1943.

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- E. The Liberal Studies Criteria indicate six ways in which all courses should contribute to students' abilities. To which of the six will your course contribute? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.
  - X 1. Confront the major ethical issues which pertain to the subject matter; realize that although "suspended judgment" is a necessity of intellectual inquiry, one cannot live forever in suspension; and make ethical choices and take responsibility for them.
  - 2. Define and analyze problems, frame questions, evaluate available solutions, and make choices
  - A 3. Communicate knowledge and exchange ideas by various forms of expression, in most cases writing and speaking.
  - X 4. Recognize creativity and engage in creative thinking.
  - 5. Continue learning even after the completion of their formal education.
  - 6. Recognize relationships between what is being studied and current issues, thoughts, institutions, and/or events.

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## CHECK LIST - HUMANITIES: RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## Knowledge Area Criteria which the course must meet:

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- X Allow students to understand and apply the methods of inquiry and vocabulary commonly used in the discipline.
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## Religious Studies Criteria which the course must meet:

- Introduce students to the study of religion as a means to understanding. Western culture and, therefore, to understanding themselves.
- Y Provide a balanced, critical, nonsectarian examination or religion.
- Emphasize an interdisciplinary approach to the study of religion.
- Investigate the nature of religion and the forms of its expression, or the foundational roots and development of one or more Western religious tradition(s) over a significant time span.
- Investigate relationships with non-Western traditions and cultures where appropriate.
- Give due attention to the religious involvement and perspectives of women and minorities.
- Acquaint students with religious texts and documents as appropriate, and encourage the development of independent judgment and critical evaluation of moral issues raised by these texts and by religious thinkers.

LIBERAL STUDIES COURSE APPROVAL FORM: EXPLANATIONS

RS 290: CHRISTIANITY

## PART ONE: BASIC INFORMATION

Please refer to items checked.

## PART TWO: LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS

- A1. Students are introduced to doctrinal controversies (e.g., humanity/divinity of Jesus) and moral questions (e.g., abortkion within the history of Christianity). Through lectures, discussion, written assignment, and exams, students will critically analyze the contexts and proponents of the various issues.
- A2. Literacy is enhanced through notetaking, substantial reading, discussion in class, written assignment and exams.
- A3. NA
- A4. Emphasis is placed on Christian doctrine, practices, and personages in historical context/development.
- A5. The course approach is non-sectarian and academically critical, a social scientific inquiry.
- A6. By examining Christian doctrine, practices, and personages, there is implicitly a consideration of the Christian perspective on values and on a total lifestyle.
- A7. In the consideration of Christian liturgy, symbols, ritual, art, architecture, the aesthetic mode of thinking is addressed.
- B. Understanding Christianity is an important key for understanding the development of the Western world, in particular, for the past 1700 years at least. Some of the Western world's greatest art, architecture, and music are Christianity-based. Christianity has influenced the rule of governments and individual values; it has impacted cultural areas from the perception of womanhood, to medical care, to educational philosophy and content. The more a "Westerner" understands his/her culture, the better, hopefully, is the understanding of oneself.
- C. NA
- D1. Use of the library is required in the written assignment.

## PART THREE: GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES

- A. Responses are on the form.
- D.
- E1. The course raises a variety of ethical issues such as the role of women in American Christianity to liberation movements in Asia and Africa. Through discussion, exams, and the written assignment, students will be encouraged to carefully analyze and critique those issues.

- E2. Please see A1.
- E3. Please see A2.
- E4. Through the examination of major Christian personages like Jesus, Paul, Luther, M.L. King, Jr., students are exposed to role models of creativity--often courageous creativity--in regard to life perspectives and social inter-relationships.
- E5. The issues dealt with in the course-the teachings of Jesus, the role of the Christian church-impact the culture, and often the personal lives, of the students. This course provides a context for considering those issues. A bibliography and other resources will be supplied in the course for continued learning.
- E6. Within the historical approach, the course includes a consideration of contemporary Christianity as it deals, e.g., with its attempt at inter-religious dialogue, its role in social betterment in Africa, its varied stands on birth control, etc.

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