

**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 EDE 11. 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:

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

- 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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