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 religions of the world with attention to origin, history, and doctrine. 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  

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 Western ways of thinking in the context of major Western religions;  
  c. Understand the commonalities and differences between major Eastern and Western religions; and  
  d. 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  
8. Judaism  
9. Christianity  
10. Islam  

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