

Philosophy            Course #PHI 140            Section #621  
Instructor: Briel, Jan            Spring 2019

## RELIGION IN AMERICAN CULTURE

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to examine the origins and development of the spiritual traditions that are manifestations of the religious experience in American History: Native American, Christian denominations, Judaism, Islam, Asian religions and New Religious Movements.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the breadth of religious experience that makes up a pluralistic society, to expose the student to religious or cultural experiences that may be unfamiliar, and to encourage the student to understand personal religious background in a larger cultural context.

### TEXT

*World Religions in America: Fourth Edition*, edited by  
Jacob Neusner

(Westminster John Knox Press,  
2003)

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance and participation in all classes and activities.
2. Reading and viewing all assigned materials.
3. Completion of all assignments and tests.

## GRADING

90-100=A

Attendance/Participation: 50%

80-90=B

Written test: 25%

70-80=C

Presentation: 25%

60-70=D

below 60=F

## Course Schedule

**Friday 4/19:** Introduction

Native American: pgs. 11-25

Christianity: pgs. 29-53; pgs. 73-86;

pgs. 105-120

**Saturday 4/20:** African-American: pgs. 55-72

Latino/Hispanic-American: pgs.

87-104

Latter Day Saints: pgs. 333-352

**Friday 4/26:** Judaism: pgs.123-142

**Saturday 4/27:** Islam: pgs. 143-176

**Friday 5/3:** Hinduism/Buddhism: pgs.179-212

**Saturday 5/4:** Panel Presentations.

**Tests due.**

Students are responsible to meet all deadlines for the course unless serious and unforeseen events can be documented for the instructor.

Make copies of all material sent through the mail; the instructor is not responsible for undelivered assignments. Students will be required to resubmit any missing material.

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