

WORLD RELIGIONS - REL 1220 – 904 -- 49176

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U Toledo Distance Learning Course

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Class Schedule:

Unit 1: Aug 25 - Sep 14 : Chapter 1: WORLD RELIGIONS & GLOBALIZATION Topics for Discussion: Religion and Globalization; Universalism and Secularization

Sep 7 – 14 : HOMEWORK / QUIZ # 1

Unit 2: Sep 14 - Oct 5 : Chap. 2: Christianity and the Road to Globalization
Topics for Discussion: The Judeo-Christian Worldview; Christianity, Modernity, Postmodernity

Sep 28 - Oct 5 : HOMEWORK / QUIZ # 2 / Bonus / Midterm # 1

Unit 3: Oct 5 - 19 : Chap. 3: The Many Faces of Judaism
Topics for Discussion: Traditional Judaism; Modern and Postmodern Judaism

Oct 12 -19 : HOMEWORK / QUIZ # 3

Unit 4: Oct 19 - Nov 2 : Chap. 4: The Globalization of Islam and Muslims
Topics for Discussion: Islam and Modernity; Postmodern Trends in a Postcolonial World

Oct 26 - Nov 2 : HOMEWORK / QUIZ # 4

Unit 5 : Nov 2 - 16 : Chap. 5: Hinduism: Myriad Paths to Salvation
Topics for Discussion: Hindu Challenges to India as a Secular State; Postcolonialism

Nov 9 - 16 : HOMEWORK / QUIZ # 5

Unit 6: Nov 16 - Dec 7 : Chap. 6: Buddhism: Ways to Nirvana
Topics for Discussion: Encounter with (Post)Modernity: Socially Engaged Buddhism

Nov 30 - Dec 7 : HOMEWORK / QUIZ # 6

Dec 6 - 13 : Make-Up / Bonus / Midterm # 2

Dec 13 - 19 : FINAL EXAM (multiple-choice exam, covers all material Units 1-6)

Course Website: <http://www.nythamar.com/religion.html>