

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

Core Course – CC XIII
Introduction to World Religions

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
309C6A	Introduction to World Religions	Core	Y	-	-	-	4	6	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Need Knowledge of Religion										

Learning Objectives	
LO1	To make the students aware of the nature & history of Religion
LO2	To enable the students to understand the psychology of Religion
LO3	To make the students aware of the various models of Inter Religious dialogues
LO4	Comprehend the philosophical implications of religion
LO5	Elucidate the inter-religious dialogues

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	Introduction - Definition of Religion, Necessity of Religion, Scope and Function of the Study of Religion. – Hinduism - Classical, Medieval and Modern Hinduism, Idea of God in Vedas, Upanishads, Gita; Concept of Man, Soul, Evil, and Salvation; Evolution of World, Eschatology
Unit – 2	Zoroastrianism - Founder, Scripture, Idea of God, Cosmic Dualism, Ethics, Sacrament and Eschatology, Sects.
Unit – 3	Sikhism - Origin and Development, Ten Gurus, Idea of God, Way to Realize God, Sabad, Guru, Soul and Man, Ethics and Worship.
Unit – 4	Christianity - Life and Teaching of Jesus, Christianity after Christ, Reformation, Concept of God, Attributes of God, Trinity, Creation, Original Sin, Atonement, Salvation, Nature of World, Eschatology.
Unit – 5	Islam - Life and Mission of Mohammed, Sufis, Concept of God: Monotheistic; Concept Of Man: Creation, Sin and Salvation, Spiritual Tenets; Concept of World: Creation Purpose, Nature of World, Ethics and Eschatology.

Course out Come:	
1.	The students will have a ideal way to explore religious ideas from a variety of perspectives.
2.	Students will be researching religion and have the chance to learn how others understand existence and our purpose.
3.	To appreciate uniqueness and similarities and promote mutual understanding among believers of different faiths.
4.	Students will learn about the founders, the history and essential teachings of each of these major religions.
5.	It helps students in personal development & supports an understanding of the spiritual, moral, social & cultural questions that surface again & again in their lives.

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Books for Reading:
1. Kedar Nath Tiwari, Comparative Religion,
2. A.C.Bouquet, Comparative Religion
3. R.S.Srivatsava, Comparative Religion
4. Parinder, Comparative Religion
5. World Religion: Origins History Pratices Beliefs Worldview Hardcover – March 2007 by Franjo Terhart (Author), Janina Schulze (Author)

Reference Book:
1. A Little History of Religion Paperback – July 2017, by Richard Holloway (Author)
2. Our Religions: The Seven World Religions Introduced by Preeminent Scholars from Each Tradition - January 2021 by Arvind Sharma (Author)
3. The World of Religions, by Samarpan

Web Resources
1. https://www.visualcapitalist.com/mapped-major-religions-of-the-world/
2. https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2012/12/18/global-religious-landscape-exec/
3. https://www.infoplease.com/world/social-statistics/world-religions

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO10
CO 1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)

Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Weightage	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0

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