

Course Title : History of Religions

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
ISC 332	A	6	4	0	0	4.00	4
Lecturer and Office Hours			Hysni Skura, Msc				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language			English, Turkish				
Course Level			Bachelor				
Description			Course Content shall include analysis of the six major religious traditions of the world - Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Other topics are not limited to the following: common elements of religions as common terms and glossary of religions; the historical development of abovementioned world religions; religious doctrines (The fundamental tenets), the articles of faith, founders, rituals, stages of life and sects; doctrinal relationships as inter-religion differences, cultural variations and geographic variations; the impact of religion as the nature of religious belief; psychological effects of religion of believers, social impact of religions.				
Objectives			The research methods used in the science of the history of religions and the question of their origin. Explaining the birth of religions in history, their development and transformation. To learn the details of Jewish religions, Christian and Islamic.				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	Analysis of terms religion and history. Discussions about the origin of religions and important theories
2	Definitions of the History of Religions, thematic and methods. The topic of classification of religions: monotheists, traditional, national and universal.
3	The common days of religions: God, answers given to fundamental answers of humanity
4	Common points of religions: Worshipping, holy places and objects.
5	Common points and terms of religions
6	Holy texts of Hinduism, perception of God in Hinduism and the system of casts
7	Worshipping and holy places in Hinduism
8	Midterm Exam
9	The life and the principles of Gotama Buda, holy texts of Buddhism and their bases of belief,
10	Introduction in Buddhism: Jewish terms, ibran, musevi and Israel.
11	The history of Judaism: Biblical periods, the formation of Judaism Rabbinic, Medieval Judaism, Modern Judaism
12	Judaism in Kuran and Hadith. The holy days and Jewish fests
13	Introduction in Christianity. Bible and Jesus (a.s). History of Christianity I: Early Christianity. History of Christianity II. Medieval Christianity, Relationship between Christianity and Islamism. The history of Christianity III. The development of the period of reforms
14	The bases of Christian belief; Trinity, Christology and Advices
15	Christianis in Kur'an and Hadith.
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	

Textbook	• Anahatlarıyla Dinler Tarihi Tarih İnanç ve İbadet, Mahmut Aydın, Ensâr Neşriyât
Other References	• Muhammed b. Abdülkerim eş-Şehristani, “Dinler ve Mezhepler Tarihi (el-Milel ve'n-Nihal)”, (çev. Muharrem Tan), Yeni Akademi Yayınları, İzmir: 2006.
Laboratory Work	
Computer Usage	
Other	

Learning Outcomes and Competences

1	The student understand Judaism and Buddhism as a religious tradition, their history, rituals and general tradition
2	The student gains general knowledge about the bases of the Jewish belief, worship and its history. He knows the backstage of the relationships between the Judaism and Islam
3	Learns the main points of the history of Christianity, origin and learns how is described Hz Isa in Bible

Course Evaluation Methods

In-term studies	Quantity	Percentage
Midterms	1	30
Quizzes	1	10
Projects	1	10
Term Projects	0	0
Laboratory	0	0
Attendance	0	0
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade		50
Contribution of final examination to overall grade		50
Total		100

ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload

Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	4	64
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	1	14
Assignments	1	0	0
Midterms	1	10	10
Final examination	1	12	12
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			100
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			4
ECTS			4