

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: EDUC-206 Religion and Moral Education

Department: Education

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
EDUC-206	Religion and Moral Education	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Education	Lower Division	Greek

Course Description

This course provides the student with an introduction to the unfolding and actualization of both the exoteric and esoteric aspects of the religious dimensions of life, in and through the exploration of the world's great "religions". In this regard students are given the opportunity to explore diverse traditions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The course also provides avenues for exploring in some depth historical contextual ties, theological considerations, philosophies of religion, along with issues of individual, cultural and collective creativities, hermeneutics and methodologies, both from within a religious praxis and from the "outside" (through the interpretive powers of 'other' traditions, cultures and praxes). The students are asked to concretely formulate foundational and paradigmatic features of the religious mind and experience. Most importantly, due to the unique dimensions of the subject matter the students are encouraged and provoked to reflect upon the diversity of the human condition and deep questions concerning the "options" we humans have explored or are presently adventuring.

Instructor

Dr Pavlos Michaelides

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures and practical exercises and assignments.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Homework: 20%
Mid-Term: 30%
Final Exam: 40%
Participation: 10%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Denise and John, Carmody, *Ways to the Center: An Introduction to World Religions*, (Belmont, California: Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1993).

Robert, O. Ballou, *The Portable World Bible*, (New York, NY: Penguin Books, 1972).