

HUMN 3105 HISTORY OF RELIGION

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102734

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Description This subject will investigate 'religion' as an object of historical study. Students will consider a variety of approaches to historical considerations about beliefs, scriptures, and rituals that have come to be defined as religion, as well as those that have not. The subject will examine the development of various religious traditions from its foundation to its present state by exploring them in light of their cultural, political, and social context.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline History

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Discuss the history of religion from past to present;
2. Recognise and describe key people and periods in relation to the development of religion historically;
3. Apply and analyse critical-historical approaches to the study of religion;
4. Identify significant influences and/or changes in the process of historical development and the way these may have shaped key features of civilisation up to the present time.

Subject Content

Questions of theory and method: The study of religion in historical perspective, outline of approach to the subject

Prehistoric and ancient traditions

South Asia: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism

East Asia: Daoism, Confucianism, and Shinto

The Middle East: Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,500 words	45	N	Individual	Y

Essay	2,500 words	55	N	Individual	Y
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Prescribed Texts

- Noss, D.S. and Grangaard, B.R. (2018). A History of the World's Religions. Abingdon: Routledge.

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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Penrith (Kingswood)

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