



World Religions

Course Overview

This one quarter class will cover the five main world religions, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, as well as an overview of other religions. The class will focus on some of the issues that come up when considering religion historically and today.

Course Requirements

In order to come prepared to learn, should come prepared with their school-issued chromebooks already charged. In addition, students are required to bring a three-ring binder and writing implements.

Course Expectations

The PHS Social Studies Department expects:

- Students to come to class prepared, ready to learn, and stay in class
- Cell phone use for academic purposes at the discretion of the teacher
- For course level descriptions, please refer to the [PHS Program of Studies](#) on Page 4

Any violations against the PHS Student Handbook will be referred to the Grade Office.

Course Competencies

1. Students will understand the basics of the major world religions, addressing these three main assumptions:

- a. Religions are internally diverse.
- b. Religions are dynamic (changing).
- c. Religions are embedded in culture.

[Document with further details about understandings.](#)

2. Research Skills

Students will utilize appropriate tools and information to identify specific primary and secondary sources to enhance research skills and effectively communicate their findings.

Units of Study

1. Monotheistic Religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam)
2. Eastern Religions (Buddhism, Hinduism)
3. Student choice of further world religions
4. Research Paper and Presentation

Grading Practices

Summative Assessment Policy (for end-of-unit tests, essays, and projects):

TEST CORRECTIONS: Students can complete test corrections in order to learn from their mistakes. Students will be able to earn half the points back from test corrections. *In order to complete corrections, students must have all formative assignments from the unit completed.* All formatives and corrections must be completed before the end of the next unit. All test corrections are to be completed in school.

Late Work and Missing Work Policy:

Homework and classwork (formatives) will be accepted within the unit, for partial credit, prior to the summative test, project, or paper. After the summative, late formatives for that unit will only be accepted with test corrections.

21st Century Skills (see [Developing 21st Century Skills at PHS](#)):

All Social Studies classes will cover, but not be limited to, the following 21st century skills: ***Communicates Effectively*** and ***Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving***.

The following grading standards are used at PHS:

Formative assignments are weighted as no more than 20% of your overall grade <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quizzes• Homework• Classwork• Unit Current Events• CSP: Research Skills (5)	Summative Assessments are weighted at least 80% of your overall grade <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of unit Tests• End of unit Essays and Projects• CSP & Presentation• Cumulative Final Exam
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