Faculty is required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Academic Affairs and Standards Council.

DEPT. PHIL COURSE NUMBER: 2230

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

COURSE TITLE: World Religions

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Students in the World Religions class will learn about various world religions through reading about the religions and reading texts from various faith traditions.

AUDIENCE: Students interested in religion.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Area: 8 by meeting the following competencies: a, b, and c
Area: 6 by meeting the following competencies: a, b, c, and e
Area: by meeting the following competencies:

PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: none

LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year [] fall X[ ] spring [ ] summer [ ] undetermined []

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: The academic objectives of this course are:
   a. to expose students to the basic tenets of the religions considered.
   b. to expose students to texts from various religions.

2) THINKING SKILLS: This course will help students improve the effectiveness of their thinking skills through:
   a. examining various religious traditions.
   b. comparing various religions traditions.
   c. applying the concepts covered in papers and exams.
   d. Applying the concepts covered in class discussions.

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: This course will help students improve their oral and written communication skills through:
   a. participating in class discussions.
   b. completing the assigned papers.
4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: This course will help students recognize, understand, and appreciate human diversity through:
   a. reading about and discussing various religious traditions.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Native American Religious Traditions, Shintoism, Shikism, Taoism, and Zoroastrianism.

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES: Students will develop and increased awareness of different world religions and their texts.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:

☐ Collaborative Learning ☑ Problem Solving
☐ Student Presentations ☐ Interactive Lectures
☐ Creative Projects ☐ Individual Coaching
☑ Lecture ☐ Films/Videos/Slides
☐ Demonstrations ☐ Other (describe below)
☐ Lab

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:

☑ Reading ☑ Tests ☐ Individual Projects
☐ Oral Presentations ☐ Worksheets ☐ Collaborative Projects
☐ Textbook Problems ☑ Papers ☐ Portfolio
☐ Group Problems ☐ Term Paper
☐ Other (describe below)

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: Students will develop and increased awareness of different world religions and their texts.

Plagiarism or cheating on an exam will result in a grade of F for the term.
In accordance with Humanities’ Division policy, students who miss more than 20% of the class may expect to be dropped.

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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Veteran Services: Minnesota West is dedicated to assisting veterans and eligible family members in achieving their educational goals efficiently. Active duty and reserve/guard military members should advise their instructor of all regularly scheduled military appointments and duties that conflict with scheduled course requirements. Instructors will make every effort to work with the student to identify adjusted timelines. If you are a veteran, please contact the Minnesota West Veterans Service Office.

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