

**NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Title: World Religions

Number & Section: PHL 151

Course Description: This three-credit course is an introduction to many of the major religious traditions that have influenced humankind. The course will consider the various dimensions of living religions which all traditions share. This semester we will be discussing Zoroastrianism through Mahayana Buddhism as well as the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Questions to be explored will include: how we came to be here and how each religion has humanity relating to the divine.

Goals:

1. To inform the student on a variety of religions practiced throughout the world
2. To enable the student to think in an objective, rational, and informed manner
3. To help students develop critical thinking and writing skills

Outcomes: Upon the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Apply critical thinking skills that will empower him/her to achieve a higher understanding of the basic belief systems of these religions
2. Recognize and illustrate the yearning of the human in relation to the divine
3. Differentiate the major religious beliefs and appraise the uniqueness of each religion
4. Describe each religion in light of its historical or physical origin
5. Illustrate each religion's relationship with its parent faith(s), cousins faith(s) and its potential or actual offspring
6. Identify how a religion's sense of the divine has either changed or evolved
7. Relate how all faiths' individual ethics/laws describe either their unique human condition or their relation to the divine
8. Describe the influence that major religious traditions have on the development of various social and ethical theories as well as actual laws
9. State and write clearly about religious beliefs and structures

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your "Student Handbook" under "Policy on Student Rights," the Section entitled "Student Discipline," or the College catalog for additional information.

Papers must be original, be the work of the student, and not be taken from another's publication or work. You need cite any thought, quote, idea that is taken from any

primary or any secondary source, and that includes our textbook. The proper citation for our text is as follows: "...” text, page number. This will indicate that you have quoted from our text. Any other material must be cited (MLA or Chicago). Again, plagiarized materials will be severely sanctioned according to College policy.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is cwoodcock@nwcc.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College’s website at www.nwcc.edu. Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

Use of Electronic Devices: *Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.*

Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team:

NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim’s needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

Ruth Gonzalez, Ph.D.	860-738-6315	Green Woods Hall Room 207
Susan Berg	860-738-6342	Green Woods Hall Room 223
Kathleen Chapman	860-738-6344	Green Woods Hall Room 110
Michael Emanuel	860-738-6389	Founders Annex Room 308
Seth Kershner	860-738-6481	Library
Robin Orlomoski	860-738-6416	Business Office Room 201
Jane O'Grady	860-738-6393	Founders Hall Annex Room 212
Patricia Bouffard, Ex-Officio	860-738-6319	Founders Hall Room 103
Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative

At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.