

Comparative Religions

ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE

YEAR & SEMESTER	COURSE CODE	PREREQUISITES
Year 1 Semester 01	CRH-E-01	None
Year 1 Semester 02	CRH-E-02	CRH-E-01
Year 1 Semester 03	CRH-E-03	CRH-E-02
Year 1 Semester 04	CRH-E-04	CRH-E-03
Year 1 Semester 05	CRH-E-05	CRH-E-04
Year 1 Semester 06	CRH-E-06	CRH-E-05

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Beginning with a brief introduction to world religions and their effects on the social norms of today, this course will enable a realization that the basis of all religions is the same but the cultural, environmental and social conditions through the religion's history has moulded the resulting religious identity. Students will learn the common features found in almost all the religions of the world e.g. Judaism, Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Indian Religions and Chinese Religions. Students build a foundation for exploring the key similarities and differences among these religions, fostering critical thinking and interfaith understanding. The main focus of study will be Christianity as this is the largest religion in the world, and to convey the message of Islām, knowledge of Christianity is mandatory. The students will read "The New Testament" and will critically study the true status of Jesus and the teachings of Christianity through the books and writings of the Promised Messiah^{as} and Khulafā'-e-Ahmadiyyat. Over the span of three years, students will be expected to learn, reflect, research and present their findings in a way that sends a positive message. This will bring them towards Allah the Exalted, develop deeper understanding of the existence of God, develop realization of the importance of religion, and draw their attention towards bringing an end to misconduct and misguidance that has spread in the society.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate deeper understanding as to how world religions shape societal norms, acknowledging commonalities amid diverse contexts.
- Systematically analyze and compare religious doctrines, practices, and themes.
- Understand Christianity, focusing on "The New Testament" to convey Islām's message effectively.
- Critically assess Jesus' status and Christian teachings using writings by the Promised Messiah^{as} and Khulafā'-e-Ahmadiyyat.
- Research and present findings positively to foster unity and deepen spiritual connection.
- Recognize God's existence and religion's role in countering societal misconduct, guiding toward righteousness.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Introduction to World Religions, the evolution of Shariah from Hazrat Adam^{as} to the Holy Prophet ^{saw}, an introduction to the teachings of both Abrahamic and Non-Abrahamic religions, and proof of the perfection of Islamic teachings.

LEARNING DELIVERY FORMAT & REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Online Learning
- Laptop or desktop computer with functional microphone and webcam.