

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**Official Course Syllabus Document**  
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

**COURSE:**

HUM 214 – World Religions (3 credits)

(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

**INSTRUCTOR:**

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Society is religiously diverse; and in the global community, religion affects domestic as well as foreign relations. In order to live, work and build community together, it is essential to have an understanding of religious traditions other than one's own. This course enables students to discover what others believe and how they live, and to gain a better understanding of their own unique background. The course examines the components of religion and explores what makes a tradition religious. Students are introduced to core beliefs, sacred texts and spiritual practices of the major world religions as well as some of the emerging religious movements. Throughout the course, students will examine the impact of religious traditions on contemporary issues.

Prerequisite: ENG 100 or placement into ENG 101

**TEXTBOOK:**

*One World, Many Faiths: An Interactive Guide to World Religions*, Stephanie Curran.  
(Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, 2016) ISBN; 978-1- 4652-9546-0. Online student resources may be found at [www.kendallhunt.com](http://www.kendallhunt.com).

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

The student will:

- Explain the major components of a particular religion.
- Compare and contrast the varied religions.
- Discuss the beliefs, practices and ethical standards of the studied religions.
- Examine how religion influences the political, social, and economic issues of our day.

**GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:**

This course may fulfill a Diversity General Education requirement. These are the outcomes for that requirement:

- Analyze how varying conditions of the physical and/or cultural environment contribute to human diversity.
- Reflect on their developing self-awareness of diverse populations and viewpoints as well as how it impacts the way they interact with a changing world.

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE**

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 12.5 clock hours (15 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of

coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 12.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class <b>37.5 h required</b>	Student Work Out of Classroom <b>75 h required</b>
In-class instruction and discussion	37.5 hours	
Assigned readings		40 hours
Four short response papers		15 hours for prewriting, writing, and revision
One documented paper/project (synthesis project described elsewhere in syllabus)		20 hours for prewriting, writing, research, documentation, and revision
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>37.5 h</b>	<b>75 h</b>

**ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:**

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

**COURSE POLICIES:**

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one’s own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one’s own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: “I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do.”

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

**Services for Students with Disabilities:**

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.