

## 28130 - History of Religion

### Syllabus Information

**Academic Year:** 2020/21

**Subject:** 28130 - History of Religion

**Faculty / School:** 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

**Degree:** 418 - Degree in History

**ECTS:** 6.0

**Year:** 3

**Semester:** Second semester

**Subject Type:** Optional

**Module:** ---

### 1.General information

#### 1.1.Aims of the course

#### 1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

#### 1.3.Recommendations to take this course

### 2.Learning goals

#### 2.1.Competences

#### 2.2.Learning goals

#### 2.3.Importance of learning goals

### 3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

#### 3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

### 4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

#### 4.1.Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practice sessions, autonomous work, study and assessment tasks.

Students are expected to participate actively in class throughout the semester.

Further information regarding the course will be provided on the first day of class.

#### 4.2.Learning tasks

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- Lectures.
- Practice sessions.
- Autonomous work and study.
- Assessment tasks.

#### 4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

- Topic I. An introduction to the History of Religions, its methods and perspectives:
  - Problems on the concept of 'religion'.
  - Methodological approaches and diverse interpretations.
  - Ritual, symbol and myth.
- Topic II. Religions in the Ancient Near East and the Mediterranean:
  - Egypt and Mesopotamia. Cosmogonies and the origin of kingship.
  - The Iranian mazdeism.
  - Ancient Greece: From civic religion to Hellenistic cosmopolitanism.
  - Roman religion and religions of the Empire. E) 'Peripheral' peoples: Celts and Germans.
- Topic III. Biblical religions:
  - Ancient, Rabbinic and modern Judaism.
  - Christianity: origins and developments.
  - Islam: theology and law. Historical evolution.
- Topic IV. Religions in Eastern Asia and America. Colonialism and religious acculturation:
  - Hinduism and Jainism.
  - Buddhism and its expansion.
  - Religions in China and Shintoism in Japan.
  - America: Aztecs, mayas and incas.
- Topic V. Religious pluralism today:
  - Religions in Africa and the Pacific.
  - Religion and secular societies. Religion, conflict and identity.

#### **4.4. Course planning and calendar**

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course, will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts website (<https://fyl.unizar.es/>; academic calendar <http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>, timetable <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; assessment dates: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>)

#### **4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources**