

Academic Year/course: 2021/22

28130 - History of Religion

Syllabus Information

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Subject: 28130 - Historia de las religiones

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

2. Learning goals

3. Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

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) ?Peripheric? peoples: Celts and Germans.
- Topic III. Byblical 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=>)