

# Rockford Diocesan Theological Institute

## Syllabus

### Introduction to World Religions

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#### GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

##### Course Description:

This course introduces the student to the major non-Christian world religions and examines their core values and world views.

##### Required Text:

Bodd, Jeffrey (2009). *World Religions a Voyage of Discovery (Third Edition)*, (ISBN: 978-0-88489-997-6. St. Mary Press, Winona, MN.

##### Objectives:

1. To cultivate an appreciation for and an understanding of the multifaceted religions in the world.
2. To create insights about the world religions that will enhance a person's day to day encounters with different belief systems.
3. To assist in the formulation of a practical methodology and useable framework for understanding and comparing different world religions.
4. To facilitate the creating and evaluating of one's own world view and value system.
5. To understand the Catholic Church's position on world religions.

##### Class Format:

A variety of learning approaches will be used including lecture, group discussion, student input from reading and class activities. The class will require active interaction and participation.

##### Class Requirements:

1. Attendance.
2. Reading of the assignments and input.
3. Three reaction papers. A reaction paper consists of two parts. The first section is a correct and accurate explanation of something presented in class or read in the text. Part two will be the student's own reaction to this material. The reaction can be theological, spiritual, emotional, philosophical, etc. One page, type written, double spaced, is the minimum requirement.
4. Course Schedule:

