



## INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

REL 103

Comparative Religion

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## PART I: COURSE INFORMATION

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COURSE PREFIX: REL 103

COURSE TITLE: Comparative Religion

CONTACT HOURS: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

### RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

The course is designed to provide students with the basic knowledge of the diversity of our cultural heritage and the effects of artistic or philosophical influences as demonstrated through an analysis of the religious experience of various persons and groups, East and West, in traditional and contemporary settings.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an analysis of the religious experience of various persons and groups, east and west, in traditional and contemporary settings. It includes indigenous religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

### PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

(COMPASS Reading 65 and COMPASS Writing 31) or (ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 056 and ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 058) or (New ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 235 and New ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 235) or (COMPANION Reading 056 and COMPANION Sentence Skills 058) or (Multiple Measures English 1) or (SAT Critical Reading 380) or (ACT English 14 and ACT Reading 12) or (Credit level ENG 100 Minimum Grade of C\* or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of TC) or (ASSET Reading 37 and ASSET Writing 37)

\***Online/Hybrid** courses require students to complete the DLI Online Student Orientation prior to completing an online course. The DLI Online Student Orientation can be found in WaveNet, under the My Student tab.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the Bookstore online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

[BOOKSTORE.](#)

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

List other tools, resources, and materials needed by the student for success in the course, including specific costs associated (i.e., calculators proctor fees, hardware/software). Remove section if you don't plan to use.

### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials.  
WaveNet and D2L email access.

### **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION**

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

### **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

Suggested text, delete section if you don't plan to use.

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

Suggested Text for **online/hybrid** course, delete section if you don't plan to use:

**NETIQUETTE:** is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit: [Online Netiquette](#).

## **Part II: Student Learning Outcomes**

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS\*:**

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to

1. Use religious concepts in reasoning about values.
2. Evaluate religious ideas about the meaning of life.
3. Demonstrate critical and systematic thinking about religious questions through the appropriate use of evidence, reasons, inference, and questioning.
4. Translate historically-conditioned ideas and concepts into the present context.
5. Identify and distinguish between a variety of humanity's religious attitudes, practices, and beliefs.
6. Differentiate between world religions based on their important features and characteristics.
7. Explain the significant role of religions and religious experience throughout history and in a variety of cultural settings.
8. Articulate some of the most important basic concepts of religious faith and inquiry in its major historical expressions.
9. Demonstrate the importance of a civilized exchange of differing ideas.
10. Demonstrate effective analytical and communication skills.

**\*\*Suggested Outline:**

Unit 1:

Chapter 1—Understanding Religion

Chapter 2—Indigenous Religions

Chapter 3—Hinduism

Chapter 4—Buddhism

\*Assessment(s): Complete class activities, handouts, homework assignments, papers, discussions and/or quizzes.

Unit Exam

Unit 2:

Chapter 5---Jainism and Sikhism

Chapter 6---Daoism and Confucianism

Chapter 7---Shinto

\*Assessment(s): Complete class activities, handouts, homework assignments, papers, discussions and/or quizzes.

Unit Exam

Unit 3:

Chapter 8—Judaism

Chapter 9—Christianity

Chapter 10—Islam

\*Assessment(s): Complete class activities, handouts, homework assignments, papers, discussions and/or quizzes.

Unit Exam

Unit 4:

Chapter 11—Alternative Paths

Chapter 12—The Modern Search

\*Assessment(s): Complete class activities, handouts, homework assignments, papers, discussions and/or quizzes.

Unit Exam

***\*Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

### **Gen Part III: Grading and Assessment**

**All tangible measurements used for assessment of student course learning outcomes are at the discretion of the instructor and should be specifically outlined by the instructor. Suggested methods appropriate for this course can include but are not limited to the following: discussion questions, assignments, portfolios, written comprehensive exams, papers and group projects.**

#### **EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS\***

Students’ performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

#### **EVALUATION\***

Exams (2 to 5 Exams

including Final

Exam if applicable) 40%-60%

Quizzes/Assignments/

Discussions 20%-30%

Papers/Projects/Portfolios

Online Discussion Boards 20%-30%

Class participation 0%-10%

Total (must add up to 100%)

Individual professors, especially in a face to face setting, may wish to incorporate a participation component to encourage class discussion. If so, weights may be adjusted allowing up to 10% for a graded participation component.

## General Education Outcomes

Please delete the section if this course is not part of the Gen Ed PLO assessment artifact process.

This course fulfills the following General Education Outcomes through the (list the appropriate assessment). Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

(Check all that apply.)

- Communicate effectively;
- Think critically;
- Self and professional development.

### GRADING SYSTEM:

State the College's or departmental grading system as delineated in the Catalog. Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89- 80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below. You must have your Dean's approval if changes in the scale are made.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the academic calendar for deadlines for add/drop ([ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)). You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

## Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of his or her classes in order to be eligible to receive credit for any course. However, due to the varied nature of courses taught at the College, a more rigid attendance policy may be required by individual instructors. At a minimum, a student may be withdrawn from a course(s) after he or she has been absent in excess of ten percent (10%) of the total contact hours for a course. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

**For online and hybrid courses**, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

## Part V: Student Resources

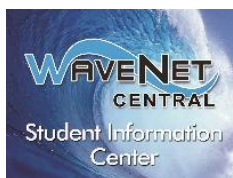


### The Student Success and Tutoring Center (SSTC)

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic coaches** for most subject areas, **Writing Center Support**, and **college success skills**.
2. **On-line student success and academic support resources**.

Visit the SSTC website: [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) and visit the student services tab in your WaveNet account to schedule appointments using TutorTrac. For more information, call: SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455. Room locations and Live Chat is available on the SSTC website.



### Student Information Center: WaveNet Central (WNC)

WNC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC**: General information and guidance for enrollment!
2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) for COMPASS support, technology education, and online tools.
3. **Drop-in technology support or scheduled training** in the Center or in class.
4. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available.

Visit the WNC website: [Wavenet Central](#). Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call one of the following locations: WNC Conway, 349-5182; WNC Grand Strand, 477-2076; and WNC Georgetown, 520-1473.

**Student Testing:** (If course is offered in multiple format include this section, delete if only F2F sections are offered.)

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Further more tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through RPNOW, our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

## Disability Services

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to Beth Havens, Director of Student Development on the Conway Campus Jaime Davis, Counselor/Advisor on the Georgetown Campus or Kristin Griffin, Counselor on the Grand Strand Campus. These individuals will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

## Statement of Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Statement

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy in educational programs and/or activities.

### ***Title IX Requirements***

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Any student who believe he or she has experienced or witnessed discrimination including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is encouraged to report such incidents to one of the College's Title IX Coordinators.

\*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

<b>Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:</b>	
Student and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.	Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Associate Vice President for Human Resources.
<b>Dr. Melissa Batten, AVP Student Affairs</b> <i>Title IX Coordinator</i> Building 1100, Room 107A, Conway Campus PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066 843-349-5228 <a href="mailto:Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu">Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu</a>	<b>Jacquelyne Snyder, AVP Human Resources</b> <i>Section 504, Title II, and Title IX Coordinator</i> Building 200, Room 212A, Conway Campus PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066 843-349-5212 <a href="mailto:Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu">Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu</a>