ANTH 2710: Anthropology of World Religions

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course serves as an introduction to the major religions of the world and is oriented in the anthropological approach of studying religion. In addition to understanding major religions of the world and their practices, we will study how religions affect culture and how culture in turn affects religions. We will study and analyze traditional topics in anthropology such as myths, rituals, magic, witchcraft and spirituality and explore the differences between organized religions and practices in smaller scale societies. More importantly the course will focus on the influence of religion on a diversity of social life - through political, economic, social, national and international levels. In the end, students will be able to identify and analyze the complex interrelationship between religion and all major aspects of modern life. [Core Curriculum Goal Area(s) 7 & 8]

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 07/31/2023 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Religion, anthropology of religion, world cultures, comparative religion, religion and culture

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

2. Basics of how anthropology studies religions.
4. Understanding the impact of religion and culture on each other.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted