

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# World Religions Basics

Our Daily Bread Christian University

### Course Description

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The world is getting smaller all the time. People are moving into your neighborhood that have different religious beliefs than you do. How can you be respectful and genuine with them if you don't really know and understand what they believe? The *World Religions Basics* course will provide you with an overview of the religious faiths and practices of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, comparing their beliefs about God, creation, sacred scriptures, and salvation.

### Course Objectives

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Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Define the term "religion."
2. Explain why a familiarity with the five most influential religions is foundational to begin exploring other belief systems.
3. Explain why studying other world religions is important and explore how other religions have affected you and your community.
4. Understand some of the problems connected with the naturalistic view of God and creation.
5. Explain how Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity view God and creation.
6. Explain the central teachings of the sacred texts for Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.
7. Explain the views of salvation for Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

### Course Methods

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The lecture content for each lesson is provided in three easy-to-use formats: video, audio, and PDF text. Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.