

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES 304 HISTORY 304R**  
**(Jewish Studies 311, Islamic Studies 311)**

**JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, ISLAM: AN INTRODUCTION**

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**I. REQUIRED BOOKS**

The following books are available in paperback.

Willard G. Oxtoby, ed. *World Religions: Western Traditions* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) . Oxford University Press, 2002.

John Corrigan, et al. *Readings in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. Prentice Hall, 1998.

In addition, students are responsible for materials handed out in class or placed on the class Blackboard site.

**II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADES**

There will be 2 in-class hour exams, and one final.

Exam One: **September 29** – 30%

Exam Two: **November 1** – 30%

Final Exam – **December 13, 9-12am** – 40%

Statement on academic integrity: Don't cheat. I report all cases of scholastic dishonesty to the Dean of Students. My recommended penalty for cheating on tests or plagiarism on papers is an F for the course. If you are unsure about the exact definition of scholastic dishonesty or what constitutes plagiarism, you should consult the information about academic integrity produced by the Dean of Students Office:

<http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/academicintegrity.html>

Make-up Exams: I will only give a make-up exam if a student misses a test because of a documented medical problem, a religious holiday, or official university business. In all cases, I should receive valid written documentation for the absence. If the absence is due to university business, I should receive this documentation at least one class prior to the exam.

Students with Disabilities: Any student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact the Services for Students with Disabilities (471-6259) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.

Religious Holidays: Students can make up work missed because of a religious holiday as long as they provide the instructor with documentation **before** the holiday occurs.

Blackboard: Course information, handouts, assignments, review sheets, etc. will be posted on the class website on Blackboard. To find the Blackboard site, and go to: <http://courses.utexas.edu/> and log in with your EID and password.

Academic Assistance: In addition to the assistance of the assigned teaching assistant, students may wish to utilize the academic services provided by the UT Learning Center (UTLC). The UTLC is a student academic service that helps students increase efficiency in college-level writing, reading, and learning strategies. All UTLC programs, except appointment tutoring, are free to all currently enrolled students. The UTLC is located in the Jester Center, Room A332A.

### **III. Schedule of Lectures and Reading**

A specific schedule of lecture topics and associated readings will be posted weekly on Blackboard.

#### I. Introduction: What is Religious Studies (August 25, 27)

##### **Reading Assignments**

Oxtoby pp. 1-8

#### II. Part One: Text, History, and Authority (August 29- September 27)

##### **Reading Assignments:**

Judaism: Oxtoby, pp. 33-64; 71-84, 104-111

*Readings*, pp. 1-22, pp. 157-169

Christianity: Oxtoby, pp. 201-216, 266-288, 300-305; 311-318

*Readings*, pp. 23-45; 170-186

Islam: Oxtoby, pp. 341-358, 368-383, 385-387, 404-413

*Readings*, pp.55-86, 187-202

**plus:** selected readings TBA

### **EXAM ONE September 29**

II. Part Two: Behavior (October 1- October 29)

**Reading Assignments:**

Judaism: Oxtoby, pp. 84-88, 90-100, 111-135, 138-150

*Readings*, pp. 203-216, 255-265, 305-327

Christianity: Oxtoby, pp. 216-227, 234-242, 244-259, 289-300, 326-331

*Readings*, pp. 217-233, 266-285, 328-356,

Islam: Oxtoby, pp. 360-368, 383-385, 387-393, 413-432, 435-440, 447-

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*Readings*, pp. 234-254, 286-303, 357-376

**plus:** selected readings TBA

**EXAM TWO November 1**

II. Part Three: Belief (November 3 –December 3)

**Reading Assignments:**

Judaism: Oxtoby, pp. 64-70, 88-89, p. 100-104, 135-138

*Readings*, pp. 87-102,

Christianity: Oxtoby, pp. 227-234, 242-244, 259-266, 318-326

*Readings*, pp. 103-125

Islam, Oxtoby, pp. 358-360, 393-404, 432-435, 441-446

*Readings*, pp. 126-155

**plus:** selected readings TBA