



College of Arts,
Science &
Commerce (Autonomous)

RISE WITH EDUCATION

NAAC REACCREDITED - 'A' GRADE

Faculty: Science and Commerce

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Choice Based Credit System and
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as

Multidisciplinary Undergraduate
Program

under NEP 2020

Interfaith Dialogue Syllabus
approved by

Board of Studies in Philosophy

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Class	Semester	Course Code	Course Name	No. of hours	Credits	Marks
SYBSc & SYBCom	III	SIUPHOE 211	Interfaith dialogue in religions of Indian origin	30	2	20+30=50

Course Objectives:

- Introduce diverse faiths and religious principles to promote mutual respect.
- Foster religious cooperation to address matters of common interest.

Course Outcomes:

1. Explain the historical, social, and cultural contexts of various faiths of Indian origin.
2. Evaluate the importance of debate and discussion of religious concepts that underlies in the religious teachings and practices.

Course Content:

Module 1: Engaging with Interfaith dialogue [10 Hours]

- (a) Definition, nature, scope and need for an interfaith dialogue.
- (b) Celebrating diversity- religious pluralism, faith & religious beliefs, religious literacy.

Module 2: Jainism and Buddhism [10 Hours]

- (a) Introduction to Sharman traditions, principal tents and distinct practices.
- (b) Dialogue on- nature of world, human life, ethics and ultimate destiny/liberation.

Module 3: Hinduism and Sikhism [10 Hours]

- (a) Historical background, principal tenets and distinct practices.
- (b) Dialogue on the concept of God, human nature, evil & suffering, life after death, eschatology.

Suggested References:

Module 1: Engaging with Interfaith dialogue

- Masih, Y. *A Comparative Study of Religions*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 2010. (Chapter 1)
- Mugambi, J.N.K. (2nd ed.) *A Comparative Study of Religions*. University of Nairobi Press.2010.
- Muhyaddin, M. A. *A Comparative Study of the Religions of Today*. Vantage Press. 1984.
- Paden E., William. *Religious Worlds: The Comparative Study of Religion*. Beacon Press. 1994.
- Tiwari, K.N. *Comparative Religion*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 1983 (Chapter 1)

Module 2: Jainism and Buddhism

Masih, Y. *A Comparative Study of Religions*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 2010. (Chapter on Jainism and Buddhism)

Singh, Karen: *Religions of India: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism*. Clarion Books. 1983.

Tiwari, K.N. *Comparative Religion*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 1983 (Chapter on Jainism and Buddhism)

Module 3: Hinduism and Sikhism

Masih, Y. *A Comparative Study of Religions*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 2010. (Chapter on Hinduism and Sikhism)

Singh, Karen: *Religions of India: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism*. Clarion Books. 1983.

Tiwari, K.N. *Comparative Religion*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 1983 (Chapter on Hinduism and Sikhism)

Class	Semester	Course Code	Course Name	No. of hours	Credits	Marks
SYBSc. and SYBCom.	IV	SIUPHOE 221	Interfaith dialogue in religions of Non- Indian origin	30	2	20+30=50

Course Objectives:

- Familiarize the diversity in world religions.
- Inculcate open minded approach to engage in a dialogue between reason and faith.

Course Outcomes:

1. Comprehend the historical origins, central teachings and practices of non-Indian origin faiths.
2. To recognize dialogue as a tool to promote peace and harmony.

Course Content:

Module I: Indigenous Primitive faiths [10 hours]

- a) African, Native American and Japanese indigenous religions- mapping similarities and differences based on ancestral and nature worship.
- b) Australian, New Zealand and Chinese primitive religious faith- mapping similarities and differences based on rituals and practices.

Module II: Zoroastrianism and Judaism [10 hours]

- a) Introduction to the Oldest Prophetic faiths, antiquity, development and present status.
- b) Dialogue on- monotheism, world view, problem of evil, resurrection and judgement.

Module III: Christianity and Islam [10 hours]

- a) Continuation of Abrahamic faith, historical significance and development.
- b) Dialogue on- Book as the word of God, human life and commandments, sin and suffering, practices.

Suggested References:

Module I: Indigenous Primitive faiths

- Breuilly, Elizabeth, Joan O'Brien and Martin Palmer. Religions of the World: *The Illustrated Guide to Origins, Beliefs, Traditions & Festivals*. Checkmark Books. 2005
- Burke, T. Patrick. *The Major Religions*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers. 1996
- Eastman Roger. *The Ways of Religion*. Oxford 1993
- Hinnells, John Red. *A New Dictionary of Religions*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers. 1997
- Hinnells, John Red. *A New Handbook of Living Religions*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers. 1997

Module II: Zoroastrianism and Judaism

- A Lion Handbook- *The World Religions*- Lion Publishing, 1992.
- Hopfe, Lewis M. *Religions of the World*. (6th Ed). New York: Macmillan College Publishing. 1994
- Markham, Ian S (ed.). *A World Religions Reader*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers. 1996
- Masih, Y. *A Comparative Study of Religions*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 2010
- Matthews, Warren. *World Religions*. St. Paul, MN: West Publishing Company. 1991
- Mugambi, J.N.K.(2nd ed.) *A Comparative Study of Religions*. University of Nairobi Press. 2010.

Module III: Christianity and Islam

- Bowker, J. *World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored and Explained*. United Kingdom: DK. (2021)
- Ferré, F. *The challenge of religion: Contemporary readings in philosophy of religion*. New York: Seabury Press. (1982)
- Muhiyaddin, M. A. *A Comparative Study of the Religions of Today*. Vantage Press. 1984.
- Paden E., William. *Religious Worlds: The Comparative Study of Religion*. Beacon Press. 1994
- Radhakrishnan, S. *Eastern Religions and Western Thought*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 1990
- Schade, Johannes P. (ch. ed). *Encyclopedia of World Religions*. Concord Publishing. 2006
- Smith, Huston. *Forgotten Truth: The Common Vision of the World's Religions*. Harper-One. 2009
- Smith, Huston. *The World's Religions* (ed. 2) HarperCollins. 2009
- Tiwari, K.N. *Comparative Religion*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. 1983
- Zaehner, R.C.(ed.) *The Concise Encyclopedia of Living Faiths*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press. 1959