INSTITUTIONAL SYLLABUS

(Check One)

_____ New Course (OR)                  Date of Last Review _____
_____ Substantive Change in Existing Course

I. Course Title: Religions of the Western World

II. Course Prefix/Number: PHIL 304

III. Credit Hours: 3

IV. Prerequisites: none

V. Catalog Description: A survey of major religious traditions of the west and their early influences. The course will cover but is not limited to Zoroastrianism, Mithraism, Manichaeism, Greek and Roman, Judaism, Christianity, Islam.

VI. Curricular Relationships: Fulfills requirements for philosophy and religious studies minor.

VII. Student Learning Outcomes: Through successful completion of three essay exams, a series of reading quizzes, and a final paper students will:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the history and interrelationships of western religions.
2. Demonstrate the ability to analyze and evaluate approaches to understanding the divine.
3. Demonstrate the ability to think and write critically and clearly concerning complex issues.
4. Demonstrate the ability to express ideas and critically evaluate the ideas of others in a constructive way.
5. Demonstrate the knowledge of and the ability to utilize the basic vocabulary of the subject.

VII. Content Outline:
Unit 1: Near East Religions
Unit 2: Greek and Roman
Unit 3: Judaism
Unit 4: Christianity
Unit 5: Islam
VIII. Course Procedures:

Through twelve pop quizzes of which the student’s lowest two will be dropped, three essay exams, and one final paper, students will evidence their developing ability to construct and evaluate arguments.

Grading Scale:

Available Points:

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<td>3 Tests</td>
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Letter Grade | Percentage | Points |
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A            | 100 – 90   | 500-450|
B            | 89-80      | 449-400|
C            | 79-70      | 399-350|
D            | 69-60      | 349-300|
F            | 59-0       | 299-0  |

IX. Required/Recommended Readings:
The following texts are recommended:


XI Any Issues Unique to this Course: N/A

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: N/A

XIII Syllabus Statement Regarding Course Adaptations or Accommodations:

Should the student require course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, the student shall provide the instructor with the appropriate documentation as specified by applicable law and institutional policy.

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