

World Religions IB Syllabus

Text: *Exploring the Religions of Our World*

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This course is designed for the scholar who wishes to receive International Baccalaureate credit or work on honors level. The course concentrates on two major world religions: Judaism and Buddhism, and overviews Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Taoism.

Specific assignments for the IB grade include a 1500-1800 word Investigative Study concerning an area of a world religion (not necessarily one we study) and two IB exams given in May that will be sent to an IB examiner for grading.

Term 1: Beginning the Journey, Judaism, Christianity, and Investigative Study begins

Term 2: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Investigative Study completed

Term 3: Buddhism, Taoism, preparation for exam

There will be an essay exam at the end of each chapter and written assignments during each chapter, including academic journals and regular journaling. The essay exam will usually take the entire mod to complete. Grading will be according to the Standard Grading Scale as listed on page 6 in the MPS Student Handbook.

Students should keep a copy of all computer generated work in their server folder at MPS; they should also keep a hard copy of all other work/tests/quizzes until the final grade is posted. In the event of a missing or lost assignment, the burden of proof rests with the student. You must give the assignment to the instructor personally. Do not leave assignment on teacher's desk or give to another student to give to the instructor.

When absent, check the website for information on missed assignments and also check with Mrs. Moore when returning to school. Much information is covered by IB students so it is imperative to be in class as much as possible.

Classroom rules:

- Students will be prepared for and on time for class.
  - The dress code will be enforced.
  - No food or drink, except plain water, is allowed in the classroom.
  - No gum. It's a school policy.
  - Please use the lav between classes whenever possible
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