

World Religions (RS 142)
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GENERAL EDUCATION: Thinking Globally

This course fulfills Thinking Globally GE requirement because it emphasizes understanding how religious and cultural experiences and processes that occur in one part of the world impact other regions. For instance, we consider 1) the variations within world religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam 2) and how those variations are interconnected throughout the world among followers of specific religions. In other words, how might Islam be understood in its place of origin, Saudi Arabia, in ways that are similar and dissimilar to the practice of Islam in South, Southeast Asia, or Africa? Attention is paid to how various religions (e.g., Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam) are shaped throughout time in part as a result of their interaction with other trans-national religions and global forces. The course underscores unique features between global and Western religious conditions and realities.