

Religions in their Diversity

1. **Course number and name:** 018RDLDL1 Religions in their Diversity
2. **Credits and contact hours:** 2 ECTS credits, 1x1:15 contact hours
3. **Name(s) of instructor(s) or course coordinator(s):** Georges Melki
4. **Instructional materials:** course handouts; slides

5. **Specific course information**

a. **Catalog description:**

This course is an overview of the three monotheistic religions, namely Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. For each one, we will first examine its history: the cultural and geographical context, its formation, and its expansion. Then, we will study its main foundational texts. Finally, we will attempt a brief analysis of the theology of each.

b. **Prerequisites:** None

c. **Required/Selected Elective/Open Elective:** Required

6. **Educational objectives for the course**

a. **Specific outcomes of instruction:**

- Analyze the historical development and expansion of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, including their cultural and geographical contexts.
- Evaluate the main foundational texts of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam to understand their significance and influence.
- Examine the theological principles of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam and compare their key beliefs and practices.

b. **PI addressed by the course:**

PI	3.1
Covered	x
Assessed	x

7. **Brief list of topics to be covered**

- Believers and Non-believers
- Understanding Judaism
- Understanding Christianity
- Understanding Islam