A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts , Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course invites students to discover the range of Chinese religious traditions, in both their ancient origins and their modern expressions. It explores indigenous forms of Chinese religious practice; the development of high/deep traditions of Confucianism and Daoism/Taoism; the impact of foreign religions, such as Buddhism, Islam and Christianity; and seeks to understand the ways in which all of these traditions are changing in the context of contemporary China's economic growth and social progress. Wherever possible, the course will provide students with opportunities to explore the experience of Chinese people and their distinctive spiritual and religious concerns.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/09/2015 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Achieve greater breadth of knowledge of the world's religions and cultures, by surveying the overall contours of Chinese religious history from earliest times to the present
2. Explore characteristics of, and interactions among, various religious traditions in a Chinese context, including Confucianism, Buddhism, Daoism, as well as Islam, Christianity, and new religious movements
3. Broaden their understanding of the faith experiences of Chinese people, the religious expressions of their hopes and fears, and their struggles for personal authenticity
4. Develop a critical perspective on the contemporary world, by exploring the problem of faith tradition

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts

1. Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.
2. Understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
3. Demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
4. Respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.

G. Special Information