

Studies of Religion 2

COURSE DETAILS

Hours	240 hours
Type	Board Developed Course
Duration	2 years
Unit Value	2-unit Year 11 2-unit Year 12
HSC Exam	Yes
ATAR	Yes
Exclusions	Studies of Religion I
RECOGNITION	HSC Qualification

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Studies of Religion II promotes an awareness, understanding and application of the nature of religion and the influence of religious traditions, beliefs and practices on individuals and society, with an emphasis on the Australian context. Studies of Religion emphasises the development of skills of analysis, independent research, collaboration and effective communication. These skills empower students to become critically reflective life-long learners. There is a focus on religious expression in Australia's multicultural and multi-faith society since 1945, as well as an appreciation of Aboriginal spiritualities and their contribution to an understanding of religious beliefs and religious expression in Australia today.

Students will also develop a comprehensive view of religious traditions as living religious systems that link directly with the life of adherents. Elements of a religious tradition raised in the Year 11 course are covered in greater depth in the HSC study. In a Religious Tradition Depth Study, the particular focus is on the ways in which a religious tradition, as an integrated belief system, provides a distinctive answer to the enduring questions of human existence. The Studies of Religion II course has additional content material in both the Year 11 and Year 12 courses to the Studies of Religion I course.

AIMS

The aim of the Studies of Religion course is to promote an understanding and critical awareness of the nature and significance of religion and the influence of belief systems and religious traditions on individuals and within society.

TOPICS COVERED

Year 11 Course

- Nature of Religion and Beliefs
- Religious Tradition Study 1 - Christianity
- Religious Tradition Study 2 – from the following: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.
- Religious Tradition Study 3– from the following: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.
- Religions of Ancient Origin
- Religion in Australia pre-1945

Year 12 Course

- Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945
- Religious Traditions Depth Studies [Studies of Religion II students complete THREE Religious Tradition Depth Studies
- Religion and Peace
- Religion and Non-Religion

ASSESSMENT

Assessment strategies may include:

- Internal Assessment – Written reports, research tasks, oral tasks, analytical written responses, source-based analysis, and written examination.
- External Assessment – 3 hr Written HSC Examination on all Year 12 Course topics

POTENTIAL CAREERS / REASONS TO CHOOSE COURSE

Students should select Studies of Religion II if they are:

- seeking an ATAR
- religiously literate and are good communicators
- excellent at writing both short and extended response answers.
- competent essay writers.
- competent in their language skills, highly proficient in reading comprehension, and are able to analyse source material.
- wishing to learn more about other religious traditions and are able to think about religion holistically and objectively.
- able to work independently and interdependently in class
- more academically capable and a higher achiever
- somebody who achieved very good results in English and RE in Year 10
- able to manage content dense material and are organised with their study notes.

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YEAR 11 COURSE OUTCOMES (from NESA)

- P1 describes the characteristics of religion and belief systems
- P2 identifies the influence of religion and belief systems on individuals and society
- P3 investigates religious traditions and belief systems
- P4 examines significant aspects of religious traditions
- P5 describes the influence of religious traditions in the life of adherents
- P6 selects and uses relevant information about religion from a variety of sources
- P7 undertakes effective research about religion, making appropriate use of time and resources
- P8 uses appropriate terminology related to religion and belief systems
- P9 effectively communicates information, ideas and issues using appropriate written, oral and graphic form