

**PGV3001PV BASIC TENETS OF MAJOR RELIGIONS  
(THEORY)**

**LEARNING OUTCOME:**

**1hr./wk.**

On completion of the course, the student will be able to

- analyze the rise and development of religions
- expand her world views by understanding the world religions
- recognize the impact of modernity on religions

**COURSE CONTENT:**

**UNIT I: INTRODUCTION 5**

**hrs.**

Definition – Development of religions – Nature worship – Animism – Ancestor worship – Worship of Gods – Modernism and religions – Atheism – Secularism

**UNIT II: FAR EAST, SOUTH ASIAN RELIGIONS 5**

**hrs.**

Historical background – Essential features – Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism – Religion in modern era

**UNIT III: MIDDLE EASTERN RELIGIONS 5**

**hrs.**

Origin – Founder – Teachings – Spread – Judaism – Christianity – Islam – Zoroastrianis – Religion today.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Discussion, Debates, Chart presentations

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