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Teacher(s)	Cornu Philippe ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	Through the study of selected themes, this course will attempt to compare the major religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism) in order to highlight both their significant peculiarities and differences and their profound similarities. By making use of critical comparative analysis, the course will try to dismiss superficial resemblances and to recognize hidden correspondences or equivalences.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>At the end of this course, the student will be able:</p> <p>1 - to take a critical look at the religious phenomenon as it appears in the great religions of the present world: representations of the world and of human existence, relation to the founding texts , rites, ethical proposals, disciplines of salvation;</p> <p>- to use the basic tools of history and comparative study of religions.</p>
Evaluation methods	A final written examination of knowlegde with five questions (on the basis on limitative list of questions), or very exceptionaly a short dissertation (15pp) about a specific topic, to decide with the teacher.
Teaching methods	Magistral course in Amphi. Obligatory presence of students, except motivated impossibility (to see with the teacher)
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define the religious phenomenon and its varied expressions, the sacred and the profane, theistic and non-theistic religions, oral and textual spiritual transmission, religion and society. - The history of religions: a multidisciplinary approach, the founders and the evolution of the discipline, methodological elements (analysis of texts, myths, study of cults and rites, crossed influences, ethical values, spiritual paths to salvation), the paradigm of religion. - Criticism of methods, ethno-methodological tools, dangers and interest of comparatism. - An overview of the major religious currents of humanity and their history (prehistoric religions, animism and shamanism, ancient religions, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism) and neo-religious movements. - Studies on research topics such as the evolution of the notion of karman in India, death and future post-mortem in some religions, the status of causality in Christianity and Buddhism, God-gods and Buddhism.

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Other infos	-
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		
Minor in Culture and Creation	MINCUCREA	5		
Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions	SREL9CE	4		
Bachelor in History	HIST1BA	5		
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology	SOCA1BA	4		
Bachelor in religious studies	RELI1BA	5		
Certificat universitaire en théologie (fondements)	TECA9CE	3		
Minor in Sciences of Religions (openness)	MINRELI	5		