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Subject Selection Information

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Faculty: HSIE

Confucius say, *'Student who chooses Studies of Religion will reap great successes in HSC!'*

Subject: Studies of Religion (1 & 2 Unit)

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Classification of the Course:

Category A

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Nature of the Course

Religion has been and is an integral part of human experience and a component of every culture. An appreciation of society is enhanced by an understanding of religion, its influence on human behaviour and interaction within culture.

The Stage 6 Studies of Religion syllabus acknowledges religion as a distinctive answer to the human need for meaning in life. An understanding of religion provides a perspective for the human view of reality and deals with daily living as well as with the ultimate source, meaning and goal of life. Religion is generally characterised by a worldview that recognises a supernatural dimension – belief in divinity or powers beyond the human and/or dwelling within the human.

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Do you wonder about topics such as:

- Religion and euthanasia?
- Religion and abortion?
- Religion and homosexuality?
- A women's place in the world?
- Religion and World Peace?
- Marriage customs in different cultures?
- Aboriginal spirituality?
- How religions feel about contraception?
- Why must all Muslims go to Saudi Arabia at least once in their life?

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You may think you know the answers to the previous questions, but these issues are a lot more complicated than a simple ‘Yes, they approve’ or ‘No, they don’t approve’ answer!

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HSC Exam: Yes

Length of Exam:

1.5 hours – 1 Unit SoR

3 hours – 2 Unit SoR

There are a wide variety of topics covered in Studies of Religion (see next slide), with the number of topics covered being dependent if students are undertaking the 1 Unit or 2 Unit course.

Essentially, 1 Unit Studies of Religion is half of the 2 Unit Course. This will mean less assessments and the HSC examination is 1.5 hours instead of 3 hours for 2 Unit students.

Students must note: If completing 1 Unit SOR, a second 1 Unit subject such as Extension English or Extension Mathematics may need to be undertaken to make up the 12 units needed for the Year 11 Preliminary HSC.

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Internal Assessment Structure

Preliminary

SOR I	Duration (indicative hours)	SOR II	Duration (indicative hours)
Nature of Religion and Beliefs	16	Nature of Religion and Beliefs	16
Religious Tradition Study 1 Buddhism	22	Religious Tradition Study 1 Buddhism	22
Religious Tradition Study 2 Islam	22	Religious Tradition Study 2 Islam	22
		Religious Tradition Study 3 Judaism	22
		Religions of Ancient Origin	22
		Religion in Australia pre-1945	16
Total	**60 hours**	**Total**	**120 hours**

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Internal Assessment Structure

HSC

SOR I	Duration (indicative hours)	SOR II	Duration (indicative hours)
Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945	16	Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945	16
Religious Tradition Depth Study 1 Buddhism	22	Religious Tradition Depth Study 1 Buddhism	22
Religious Tradition Depth Study 2 Islam	22	Religious Tradition Depth Study 2 Islam	22
		Religious Tradition Depth Study 3 Judaism	22
		Religion and Peace	22
		Religion and Non-Religion	16
Total	**60 hours**	**Total**	**120 hours**

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Elective fees for the Course:

Nil

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Skills Required for this subject and/or any Prerequisites:

An inquisitive mind and the ability to problem solve.
Ability to think critically and communicate responses in essay style

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Career Opportunities

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.

Studies of Religion provides a learning experience that prepares students for further education and training, employment and full and active participation as citizens within society.

Career Opportunities

Please note: This is NOT scripture.

Do you want to travel and work overseas? If yes, Studies of Religion will give you a greater insight to different peoples that you will meet.

We live in an increasingly multicultural society – gain a greater understanding of an important aspect of life for many Australians. If you want a job where you need to interact with a range of people, this is the subject for you!

If you are considering a future in social sciences after school, this is the subject for you!

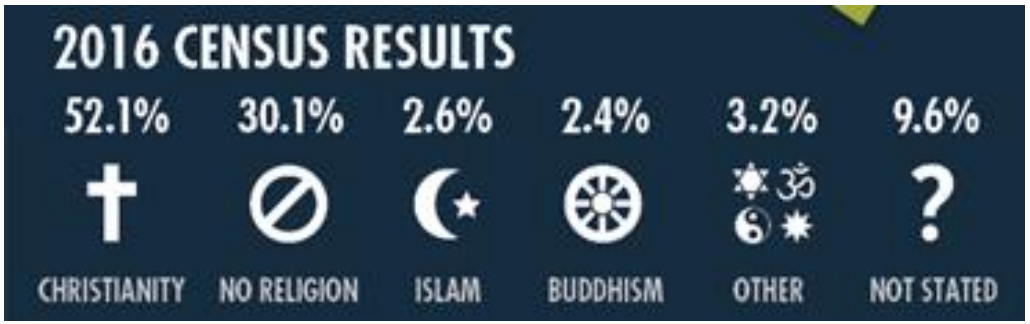
Things to consider

Build on your ability to communicate in a written and verbal manner. This will help with your other subjects that have long responses/essays.

Develop your ability to research effectively.

Analyse why people believe what they do.

Students doing an extension subject can choose Studies of Religion I and not have to study 13 units.



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Does SOR count towards my ATAR?
- Yes! SOR is a Category A subject!

I liked International Studies and Global Studies in Years 9 and 10. Is this similar?
- Yes, there are aspects that do overlap!

Are there any subjects in Year 11 and 12 that overlap/have similarities with Studies of Religion?

Yes!
- Society and Culture
- Ancient History
- Modern History
- Aboriginal Studies

If you think Studies of Religion sounds interesting, please see Miss Flick/Mrs Browne for more info at the HSIE staffroom!