

Studies of Religion Courses

The following contains a description of the course we offer to students at St Marys Senior High. It is intended as a guide to help you select your subjects and you should read it carefully.

Please note:

- The details given represent the way that the course is delivered at St Marys Senior High and may involve different choices from the way other schools might operate the same course.
- Classes can only be formed where sufficient students select the particular course. The fact that a course is listed here is not a commitment to run the course in a particular year.
- The arrangements for particular courses are subject to change for a variety of reasons.
- HSC students may elect to take extension courses which we offer in some courses.

Studies of Religion II - Course Details

Units	Type	ATAR	Faculty Teaching This Course
2	Board Developed Course – examinable at the HSC, marks can be used to count towards an ATAR	A – counts towards an ATAR with no restrictions	Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)

What will I be doing in this course?

Studies of Religion explores the diversity of religious expression and experiences in our modern world. It promotes an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the nature of religion and the influences of religious traditions, beliefs and practices in societies and on the individual, with an emphasis on the Australian context.

In the **Preliminary course** students will learn about:

- The nature of religion and beliefs
- Australian Aboriginal beliefs and spiritualities – The Dreaming
- **THREE** religious traditions selected from Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism
- **TWO** ancient religions selected from Aztec, Inca, Mayan, Celts, Nordic, Shinto, Taoism or an indigenous religion from outside Australia
- Religious traditions in Australia pre 1945

In the **HSC course** students will learn about:

- Contemporary Aboriginal spiritualities
- Religious expression in Australia – 1945 to the present

- Significant people, ideas, ethics and practices in **THREE** religious traditions
- The response of **TWO** religious traditions to the issue of peace
- Religion and non-religion – agnosticism, atheism, Humanism, New Age Religions

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

Students will be able to:

- Understand the nature and influence of a range of religious traditions in Australian society
- Plan and conduct an investigation
- Locate and select information from a variety of sources using a range of research methods including information technology
- Analyse and evaluate information for usefulness, validity and bias
- Communicate information and ideas effectively in appropriate written, oral and graphic forms.
- Work effectively with others and as an individual

How will this course help me in the future?

This course will provide students with understanding and respect for religious beliefs and practices in our multicultural society. It will also develop expertise in a variety of skills and key competencies that are essential to further education, work and everyday life.

In terms of career prospects, Studies of Religion would be valuable to those interested in working with people, including teaching, the police force, law, social worker, nursing, medicine, travel and tourism.