

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Interreligious Dialogue: Theory and Practice**

Course Number and Section:

RELSTUD

3280F 550

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Course Description:

This course introduces students to the theory and practice of interreligious dialogue, with the goal of encouraging critical, generous, and constructive thinking about diverse religious perspectives. Students navigate the complexities of interreligious dialogue to foster mutual learning and respect, and to promote universal values and collaborative justice advocacy through discussion, collaborative presentations, project, and written assignments.

Learning Outcomes:

Explore the universal values inherent in major world religions and traditional belief systems, identifying common ethical principles.

Examine the impact of religious dialogues on social justice, human rights, and contemporary issues, considering both positive contributions and potential detracting factors.

Explore and define the practical aspects of interfaith engagement, especially in Canada, to understand their strength and limitations.

Participate in case studies and projects of interfaith dialogue to apply theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios.

Engage peoples of diverse faith traditions and worldviews in informed and respectful ways of conducting interfaith dialogue.

Evaluate the effectiveness of different methodologies and models of interreligious dialogue and interfaith initiatives.

Demonstrate a developed critical thinking and expression through written assignments, class presentations, and class discussions.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

No textbook needed. Readings will be uploaded to Bright Space class site.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
1. Participation and Attendance	15/12/2025	20
2. Presentation and Reflection: Personal Interreligious Dialogue experience (23/10/2025	30
3. Book report with oral summary	12/11/2025	20
4. Research paper on topic in Interreligious/ Interfaith Dialogue	15/12/2025	30

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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