

Global Religions in Context (IS XXX) or (RS 165)
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GENERAL EDUCATION: Thinking Globally

This course fulfills Thinking Globally GE requirement because it emphasizes understanding how religious and cultural experiences and processes that occur in one part of the world impact other regions. The course seeks to instill reflex awareness of students' locatedness in a given context by unpacking a current location and comparing that with other regions visited during the program. The course looks past taking core samples of religions in different cultures, and instead seeks to unpack multi-directional influences on and connections across regions. Particular attention will be paid to the role of religious majorities and minorities in a variety of contexts and the ways in which influence or lack thereof within society and culture shapes religious communities. As an undergraduate course, the course underscores unique features between global and Western religious conditions and realities.