Bossier Parish Community College
Master Syllabus

(This course is presently inactive.)

Course Prefix and Number: PSYC 215  Credit hours: 3

Course Title: Psychology of Religion

Course Prerequisites: None

Textbook(s): No text required

Course Description: This course is to introduce psychology of religion and its focus on understanding religious experiences from psychological perspectives. The nature of the interdisciplinary relationship between psychology and religion will be explored. The course will examine the relationship between psychology, religion with health care issues, coping, drug use in religious ceremonies, and impacts of meditation.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will:

A. describe the various psychological perspectives of the field of religion, using the major theorists of psychology;
B. differentiate psychometric and developmental approaches to religion;
C. analyze the impact of religion and its psychological impact in the area of health;
D. explain the use and importance of various mood altering substances and states on a variety of religious experiences;
E. exhibit proficiency in researching psychological concepts on the internet.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

1. analyze the difference between the major psychological theorists on the field of religion; (A)
2. distinguish the difference between the various psychometric and developmental approaches to religion; (B)
3. discuss the research findings and impact of religion on health matters; (C)
4. discuss the use of various mood altering substances and states on religious experiences; (D)
5. complete oral and written assignments with accuracy (debates, web site searches, oral presentations, evaluation and review assigned readings). (E)
Course Requirements: The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated objectives of the course: students will attend class; students will be evaluated on results of semester exams; students will be required to participate in class discussions and activities.

Course Grading Scale:

A 90 – 100 %
B 80 – 89 %
C 70 – 79 %
D 60 – 69 %
F 00 – 59 %

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

Course Fees: None

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