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**Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education
Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba**

Academy of Engineering

(name of the main educational unit (MEU) that developed the educational program of higher education)

WORKING PROGRAM OF THE DISCIPLINE

HISTORY OF RELIGIONS IN RUSSIA

(name of discipline/module)

Recommended for the field of study/specialty:

27.03.04 CONTROL IN TECHNICAL SYSTEMS

(code and name of the field of study/specialty)

The discipline is mastered within the framework of the implementation of the main professional educational program of higher education (EP HE):

DATA SCIENCE AND SPACE SYSTEMS

(name (profile/specialization) of the educational institution of higher education)

1. THE GOAL OF MASTERING THE DISCIPLINE

The course "History of Russian Religions" is part of the bachelor's program "Data Science and Space Systems," major 27.03.04 "Control in Technical Systems," and is studied in the first semester of the first year. The course is offered by the Department of History of Philosophy. It consists of three sections and 16 topics and focuses on the study of Russian religious traditions in the context of the formation of traditional Russian spiritual and moral values and a pan-Russian civic identity.

The purpose of mastering the discipline is to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for understanding the historical foundations of the formation and development, as well as the current state of religious traditions in the Russian Federation, their doctrinal, religious, cultural, value and legal characteristics relevant to the traditional spiritual and moral values of the Russian Federation, state-religious relations in the Russian Federation

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESULTS OF MASTERING THE DISCIPLINE

Mastering the discipline "History of Religions in Russia" aimed at developing the following competencies (parts of competencies) in students:

Table 2.1. List of competencies developed in students while mastering the discipline (results of mastering the discipline)

Cipher	Competence	Indicators of Competency Achievement (within this discipline)
UC-5	Able to perceive the intercultural diversity of society in socio-historical, ethical and philosophical contexts	UC-5.1 Interprets the history of Russia in the context of world historical development; UC-5.2 Finds and uses information about the cultural characteristics and traditions of various social groups in social and professional communication; UC-5.3 Takes into account, in social and professional communication on a given topic, the historical heritage and socio-cultural traditions of various social groups, ethnic groups and faiths, including world religions, philosophical and ethical teachings; UC-5.4 Collects information on a given topic, taking into account the ethnic groups and religions most widely represented at the research sites; UC-5.5 Substantiates the specifics of project and team activities with representatives of other ethnic groups and (or) faiths; UC-5.6 Adheres to the principles of non-discriminatory interaction in personal and mass communication in order to fulfill professional tasks and strengthen social integration;

3. PLACE OF THE DISCIPLINE IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Course "History of Religions in Russia" refers to the mandatory part of block 1 "Disciplines (modules)" of the educational program of higher education.

As part of the higher education program, students also master other disciplines and/or practices that contribute to the achievement of the planned results of mastering the discipline "History of Religions in Russia."

Table 3.1. List of components of the educational program of higher education that contribute to the achievement of the planned results of mastering the discipline

Cipher	Name of competence	Previous courses/modules, practical training*	Subsequent disciplines/modules, practices*
UC-5	Able to perceive the inter-cultural diversity of society in socio-historical, ethical and philosophical contexts		Research work / Scientific research work; Undergraduate Training; Philosophers; <i>Business Ethics</i> **; <i>Sociology</i> **; <i>Cultural Studies</i> **; <i>Political Science</i> **;

* - filled in accordance with the competency matrix and the SUP EP HE

** - elective courses/practices

4. SCOPE OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL WORK

The total workload of the discipline “History of Religions in Russia” is 2 credit units.

Table 4.1. Types of educational work by periods of mastering the educational program of higher education for full-time education.

Type of academic work	TOTAL,academic hours		Semester(s)
			1
<i>Contact work, academic hours</i>	36		36
Lectures (LC)	18		18
Laboratory work (LW)	0		0
Practical/seminar classes (SC)	18		18
<i>Independent work of students, academic hours</i>	27		27
<i>Control (exam/test with assessment), academic hours</i>	9		9
Total complexity of the discipline	academic hours	72	72
	credit	2	2

5. CONTENT OF THE DISCIPLINE

Table 5.1. Content of the discipline (module) by types of academic work

Section number	Name of the discipline section	Topic Title		Topic Contents	Type of academic work*
Section 1	Historical and religious studies section	1.1	What is religion?	The role and significance of religion in history and society. Religiosity. Historically early forms of religion. Religions and confessions. Religion in preliterate societies and in the Ancient World.	LC, SC
		1.2	Prehistory of Christianity.	The Middle East in the 1st millennium BCE. Old Testament Judaism. Judaism of the Second Temple period. Formation and codification of the Old Testament canon. Judaism and antiquity. Modern Judaism.	LC, SC
		1.3	The emergence of Christianity.	Formation of the New Testament canon. Ecumenical Councils. The Creed. Christian doctrine. Ancient Eastern churches. Christianity before the division of the churches.	LC, SC
		1.4	The Great Schism. Peculiarities of Eastern and Western Christianity.	World Orthodoxy. Catholicism. Protestantism. Local Orthodox Churches.	LC, SC
		1.5	Islam.	The Rise of Islam. The Quran and Sunnah. The Pillars of Islam and the Foundations of Faith. Sunnism, Shiism, Kharijism, Sufism. The Spread of Islam. Modern Islam	LC, SC
		1.6	Buddhism	Buddhism: origins and basic ideas. Theravada, Mahayana, Vajrayana. Main Buddhist texts. Buddhism in Tibet and Central Asia. Modern Buddhism.	LC, SC
		1.7	The religious situation in the modern world.	New religious movements. Religious radicalism and extremism. Risks and threats in the religious sphere.	LC, SC
Section 2	Historical aspects of the formation of Russia as a multi-confessional state-civilization	2.1	From Ancient Rus' to the Russian State.	Baptism of Alania. Baptism of Rus'. Adoption of Islam by the peoples of Volga Bulgaria. Formation of a unified cultural space. Russia and the Horde. The fight against the expansion of the Crusaders. Formation of a unified Russian state. Establishment of the autocephaly of the Russian Church.	LC, SC
		2.2	Russia in the 16th – 17th centuries: from grand duchy to kingdom.	Russia as a multinational and multi-confessional state. The establishment of the patriarchate. The role of the Russian Church in overcoming the Time of Troubles. Patriarch Nikon's reforms and the emergence of the Old Believers. The integration of peoples traditionally practicing Islam. The development of the Orthodox and Muslim clergy. Missionary work and Christianization in the context of Russian geographical discoveries.	LC, SC
		2.3	Russia in the late 17th - 18th centuries: from	Peter the Great's Church Reform. Strengthening Religious Tol-	LC, SC

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			kingdom to empire.	erance. Recognition of Buddhism. The Russian Empire in the 19th – Early 20th Centuries. Religious Life in the Early 20th Century.	
		2.4	Russia in the "years of great upheavals".	Religion in Soviet society. The All-Russian Local Council of 1917 and the restoration of the patriarchate. The decree on the separation of church and state and school from church. Renovatism. Soviet state policy towards religion. The role of religious organizations in the Great Patriotic War. The revival of religious life in the 1980s and 1990s.	LC, SC
		2.5	Religious life in modern Russia.	State-religious and interreligious relations. Traditional religions of the Russian Federation.	LC, SC
Section 3	Religious traditions of Russia and traditional Russian spiritual and moral values	3.1	Man and his place in the world.	Christian, Islamic, Buddhist, and Jewish religious anthropologies. Body and consciousness. Birth and death. The value and meaning of human life on earth. Human dignity. Religion and ethics. The afterlife. Memory of ancestors.	LC, SC
		3.2	The concept of traditional Russian spiritual and moral values.	Common spiritual and moral values for believers and non-believers. Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Judaism on social morality. The ethics of creative work and philanthropy. Family values. Russian religious traditions on compassion, social justice, collectivism, mutual assistance, and mutual respect.	LC, SC
		3.3	Religious traditions of Russia and all-Russian civic identity.	Service to the Fatherland and responsibility for its destiny. Historical memory of the shared peaceful creation and defense of the Motherland. The historically established spiritual and moral unity of the peoples of Russia. Russia as a multi-confessional state-civilization.	LC, SC
		3.4	Russian legislation on religious associations.	Missionary activity. Religious property. Cultural heritage sites. State-religious relations. Council for Interaction with Religious Associations under the President of the Russian Federation. Interreligious Council of Russia. Religious studies expertise. Religious organizations of the Russian Federation and the tasks of preserving and strengthening traditional Russian spiritual and moral values.	LC, SC

* - to be completed only for FULL-TIME education: LC – lectures; LW – laboratory work; SC – practical/seminar classes.

6. LOGISTIC AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT OF DISCIPLINE

Table 6.1. Material and technical support for the discipline

Audience type	Equipment of the auditorium	Specialized educational/laboratory equipment, software and materials for mastering the discipline (if necessary)
Lecture	A lecture hall equipped with specialized furniture, a whiteboard (screen), and multimedia presentation equipment.	
Seminar	An auditorium for conducting seminar-type classes, group and individual consultations, ongoing monitoring and midterm assessment, equipped with a set of specialized furniture and technical means for multimedia presentations.	
For independent work	A classroom for independent student work (can be used for seminars and consultations), equipped with a set of specialized furniture and computers with access to the Electronic Information System.	

* - the classroom for independent work of students MUST be indicated!

7. EDUCATIONAL, METHODOLOGICAL AND INFORMATIONAL SUPPORT OF THE DISCIPLINE

Main literature:

1. Religious studies: a textbook for the academic bachelor's degree / M. M. Shakhnovich [et al.]; edited by M. M. Shakhnovich. - 3rd ed., revised and enlarged. - Moscow: Yurait Publishing House, 2025.
2. History of religions of Russia: textbook / O. Yu. Boytsova, I. S. Vevurko, I. P. Davydov [et al.]; edited by O. Yu. Boytsova. Moscow: Knourus, 2025.
3. Religious Studies. Textbook for the Academic Bachelor's Degree. 2nd ed., translated and supplemented / I.N. Yablokov, N.N. Bektimirova, A.V. Bochkovskaya, et al. Moscow, 2025.
4. Poletaeva T.A. Orthodox Culture: Traditions and History. In 2 parts. Textbook for universities. 3rd ed., translated and enlarged. Moscow: Yurait, 2018–2019.
5. Lozinsky S. G. History of the Papacy / S. G. Lozinsky. - Moscow: Yurait Publishing House, 2021.
6. Zhudinova E.V. Judaism. Moscow: World of Books, 2006.
7. Buddhism in the socio-cultural and political processes of Russia, Inner and East Asia: a comparative context / ed. L. E. Yangutov. Ulan-Ude: Publishing house of the BSC SB RAS, 2018.
8. Dmitriev V. V., Dymchenko L. D. Religious Studies. Textbook for the Academic Bachelor's Degree. 2nd ed., supplemented and corrected. Moscow: Yurait, 2019.

Further reading:

1. Vasilyeva O. Yu., Trofimchuk N. A. History of religions in Russia. Textbook. Moscow, 2004.
2. History and theory of religion: a textbook / E.V. Ivanova, O.M. Farkhitdinova, E.V.

Melnikova et al. Ekaterinburg, 2019.

3. Melnik S.V. Interreligious Dialogue: Typology, Methodology, and Implementation Forms. Monograph. Moscow, 2022.

4. Islam in the Russian Empire (legislation, descriptions, statistics) / Compiled, commented, introductory article by D.Yu. Arapov. Moscow, 2001.

5. Fedorov V.A. Russian Orthodox Church and State. Synodal Period. 1700-1917. Moscow, 2003.

6. Ethnicity and religion in modern conflicts / eds. V.A. Tishkov, V.A. Shnirelman. Moscow, 2012.

7. Religions of Russia: Information and analytical materials on issues of state-confessional relations / general editor O.Yu. Vasilyeva. Moscow, 2013.

8. Pinkevich V.K., Storchak V.M., Kravchuk V.V. Modern approaches to the analysis of ethno-religious specifics of Russian regions. Moscow, 2016.

9. Fundamentals of the Social Concept of the Russian Orthodox Church. Moscow, 2000

10. Balagushkin E. G. Non-traditional religions in modern Russia. Moscow, 2002.

Resources of the information and telecommunications network "Internet":

1. RUDN University Electronic Library System and third-party electronic library systems to which university students have access based on concluded agreements

- RUDN University Electronic Library System – RUDN University Electronic Library System <https://mega.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web>
- Electronic Library System "University Library Online" <http://www.biblioclub.ru>
- EBS Yurayt <http://www.biblio-online.ru>
- Electronic Library System "Student Consultant" www.studentlibrary.ru
- EBS "Knowledge" <https://znanium.ru/>

2. Databases and search engines

- Sage <https://journals.sagepub.com/>
- Springer Nature Link <https://link.springer.com/>
- Wiley Journal Database <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/>
- Scientometric database Lens.org <https://www.lens.org>

Educational and methodological materials for independent work of students in mastering a discipline/module:*

1. A course of lectures on the subject "History of religions in Russia".

* - all teaching and methodological materials for independent work of students are posted in accordance with the current procedure on the discipline page in TUIS!

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