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PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA
RUDN University**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as higher education programme developer

COURSE SYLLABUS

Philosophy of Religion

course title

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

47.03.03 Religious Studies

field of studies / speciality code and title

The course instruction is implemented within the professional education programme of higher education:

Religious Studies

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

1. COURSE GOAL(S)

The goal of the course “Philosophy of Religion” is to understand the ways of applying philosophical categories to specific religiosity (its metaphysics), to reveal the ontological and epistemological aspects of religious knowledge and life, and their connection with general religious studies.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Mastering the course “Philosophy of Religion” is aimed at the development of the following competences /competences in part:

Table 2.1. List of competences that students acquire through the course study

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Competence formation indicators (within this course)
GPC-2	Ability (student can use the concepts and methods of the philosophy of religion, the sociology of religion, the history of religion, and the psychology of religion in practical activities)	GPC 2.1. Student can use the concepts and methods of philosophy of religion in practical activities.

3. COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The course refers to the core component of A block of the higher educational programme curriculum.

Within the higher education programme students also master other (modules) and / or internships that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as results of the course study.

Table 3.1. The list of the higher education programme components/disciplines that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as the course study results

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
GPC-2	Ability (student can use the concepts and methods of the philosophy of religion, the sociology of religion, the history of religion, and the psychology of religion in practical activities)	Sociology; History of Religions: Ancient Religions; History of Religions: India and the Far East; History of Religions: Judaism; History of Religions: Eastern Christianity; History of Religions: Islam; History of Religions: Western Christianity; History of Religions: Modern Religious Movements;	Pre-graduation practice; Epistemology of religious experience; Christian religious philosophy; Russian religious philosophy; Modern Muslim philosophy; Introduction to the New Testament: Acts and Epistles of the Apostles; History of the Western churches: from the Reformation to the present day; History of the Russian Orthodox Church; Sufism;

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
		Psychology of Religion	Islam and the West; Islam in Africa; History of Islam in the USSR; Introduction to the Old Testament: The Pentateuch of Moses; Art in Islam; Introduction to the Old Testament: Historical, Didactic, and Prophetic Books; Byzantine Theology; Modern Currents in Islam; Islam in South Asia

* To be filled in according to the competence matrix of the higher education programme.

4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The total workload of the course “Philosophy of Religion” is 3 credits (108 academic hours).

*Table 4.1. Types of academic activities during the periods of higher education programme mastering (full-time training)**

Type of academic activities	Total academic hours	Semesters/training modules
		5
<i>Contact academic hours</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>51</i>
including:		
Lectures (LC)	34	34
Lab work (LW)	0	0
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)	17	17
<i>Self-studies</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Evaluation and assessment (exam/passing/failing grade)</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>18</i>
Course workload	academic hours	108
	credits	3
		108
		3

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activities types

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
Module 1. The subject of philosophy of religion.	Topic 1.1. Philosophy of religion in the system of religious studies disciplines.	LC, S
	Topic 1.2. Concepts of the origin of religion and faith.	LC
	Topic 1.3. The categorical apparatus of the philosophy of religion.	LC, S
Module 2. Religious	Topic 2.1. The polytheistic paradigm	LC, S

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
paradigms.	Topic 2.2. The monotheistic religious paradigm	LC
Module 3. Comparative Philosophy of Religion.	Topic 3.1. Comparative metaphysics of religions and comparative theology.	LC, S

* - to be filled in only for full-time training: LC - lectures; LW - lab work; S - seminars.

6. CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Table 6.1. Classroom equipment and technology support requirements

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment
Lecture	A lecture hall for lecture-type classes, equipped with a set of specialised furniture; board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.
Seminar	A classroom for conducting seminars, group and individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment; equipped with a set of specialised furniture and technical means for multimedia presentations.
Self-studies	A classroom for independent work of students (can be used for seminars and consultations), equipped with a set of specialised furniture and computers with access to the electronic information and educational environment.

* The premises for students' self-studies are subject to **MANDATORY** mention

7. RESOURCES RECOMMENDED FOR COURSE STUDY

Main readings:

1. Swinburne Richard. The Existence of God. 2nd ed. 2004.
2. Quinn Philip L., Taliaferro Ch. (eds.). A Companion to the Philosophy of Religion. 1997.
3. Davies, Brian. An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993.

Additional readings:

1. Yandell, Keith E. Philosophy of Religion. A contemporary introduction. Routledge, 2002.
2. Smart, Ninian. Concept and Empathy: Essays in the Study of Religion. Donald Wiebe (ed.). New York: New York University Press, 1986.

Internet sources

1. Electronic libraries (EL) of RUDN University and other institutions, to which university students have access on the basis of concluded agreements:
 - RUDN Electronic Library System (RUDN ELS) <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web>
 - EL "University Library Online" <http://www.biblioclub.ru>
 - EL "Yurayt" <http://www.biblio-online.ru>
 - EL "Student Consultant" www.studentlibrary.ru
 - EL "Lan" <http://e.lanbook.com/>
 - EL "Trinity Bridge"

2. Databases and search engines:

- electronic foundation of legal and normative-technical documentation

<http://docs.cntd.ru/>

- Yandex search engine <https://www.yandex.ru/>

- Google search engine <https://www.google.ru/>

- Scopus abstract database <http://www.elsevierscience.ru/products/scopus/>

*Training toolkit for self- studies to master the course *:*

1. The set of lectures on the course “Philosophy of Religion”.

* The training toolkit for self- studies to master the course is placed on the course page in the university telecommunication training and information system under the set procedure.

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