# COURSE SYLLABUS

### Course Title:
History of Religion in America

### Department:
Social Sciences

### Curriculum:
History

### Course Code:
HIS*248

### Prerequisites:
C- or better Introduction to College Reading & Writing (ENG*093) or Introduction to College English (ENG*096) or Reading & Writing VI (ESL*162), or placement into Composition (ENG 101)

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### Elective Type:
G/HI/HU/LAS

### Ability Based Education (ABE) Statement
At Tunxis Community College students are assessed on the knowledge and skills they have learned. The faculty identified the General Education Abilities critical to students' success in their professional and personal lives. In every class, students are assessed on course abilities, sometimes program abilities, and, in most classes, at least one General Education Ability. Students will receive an evaluation of the degree to which they have demonstrated or not demonstrated that General Education Ability.

### Contact Hours:

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### Corequisites:
None

### Other Requirements:
None

### Catalog Course Description:
Examines the role of religion in the creation and evolution of American society from the colonial era to the present. Topics will include religious pluralism, traditions of tolerance and intolerance, religion and social reform, secularism and fundamentalism, clashes and reconciliations of faith and reason, and the interplay of church and state.
### Topical Outline:

- 1. Colonial Religious Pluralism
- 2. The Great Awakening
- 3. Revolution, Religion, and the Constitution
- 4. The Second Great Awakening and Social Reform
- 5. African American and Native American Religion
- 6. Catholicism: Papists vs. Protestants
- 8. The New Immigrants: Christians and Non-Christians
- 9. Fundamentalism in the Early Twentieth Century
- 10. Religion in an Age of Growing Affluence
- 11. Religion and Cold War
- 12. The Counterculture: Religious Experimentation
- 13. Church vs. State in Postwar America
- 14. The Evangelical Movement
- 15. Religious Trends Since the Late Twentieth Century

### Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

1. define and describe major events, movements, individuals, organizations, and ideas that have shaped American religious history
2. explain the impact of cultural pluralism on the development of religion in the United States
3. describe the evolution of the relationship between church and state in the United States
4. discuss how broader societal and cultural trends have influenced religion in America

### PROGRAM:

None

### COMPETENCIES FULFILLED:

**Critical Analysis/ Logical Thinking** - Students will be able to organize, interpret, and evaluate evidence and ideas within and across disciplines; draw reasoned inferences and defensible conclusions; and solve problems and make decisions based on analytical processes.

**Demonstrates:** Identifies the issue(s); formulates an argument; explains and analyzes relationships clearly; draws reasonable inferences and conclusions that are logical and defensible; provides support by evaluating credible sources of evidence necessary to justify conclusions.

**Does Not Demonstrate:** Identifies few or no issues; formulates an argument without significant focus; provides an unclear explanation of analysis and relationships; drawing few reasonable inferences and conclusions that are illogical and indefensible; provides little to no support using credible sources of evidence necessary to justify conclusions.
### Written Communication (embedded)

Students will be prepared to develop written texts of varying lengths and styles that communicate effectively and appropriately across a variety of settings.

**Demonstrates:** Writes articulate texts using appropriate evidence and appeals as determined by the rhetorical situation.

**Does Not Demonstrate:** Writes texts lacking appropriate evidence and appeals as determined by the rhetorical situation.

### Evaluation

**List how the above outcomes will be assessed:**

- 1. Written assignments
- 2. Quizzes/tests
- 3. Class participation
- 4. Additional class work as assigned

### Instructional Resources

**Required:** N/A

**Desired:**
- Articles from religion-online.org
- Access to ATLA Religion Database

**Textbook(s)**