STMA 522: WORLD RELIGIONS – SPRING 2011 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY DR. STEPHEN CHAN

Class Room & Time:	Thurs, 1:30PM-4:20PM HUNT 110.
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Teaching Schedule & Requirements:

- 1. <u>Attendance and Class Participation (10%)</u>: Regular class attendance and participation are expected and essential to the success of our learning experience in the class. If an absence is unavoidable due to medical and family circumstances, notification and explanation should be given prior to, or in special situations, after the absence. More than 4 unnotified or unwarranted absences will automatically result in dropping 1 half letter in the total course grade.
- 2. <u>Quizzes (15%)</u>: Four to Five short quizzes each of 15 mins. and close books. The quizzes will consist of multiple choices and short questions that focus on important historical facts of the religious traditions.
- 3. <u>Short Papers and Presentation (15%)</u>: Short papers will be required, which include 1-pagers to short papers (2-3 pages) on various topics of the course. Special writing instruction will be handed out later in the course.
- 4. <u>Research Paper (20%)</u>: Research paper on a major theme of the course, and based on a major thinker of the textbooks.
- 5. Mid-Term Exam (20%): Essay type questions that cover the first half of the course.
- 6. <u>Final Exam (20%)</u>: Essay type questions that cover whole course. There will be in-class review and other assistance provided.

Textbooks:

- 1. Emile Durkheim. The Elementary Forms of Religious Life. Oxford University Press.
- 2. Max Weber. Sociology of Religion. Beacon.
- 3. Peter Berger. <u>Desecularization Of The World.</u> Eerdmans.

Class Schedule:

Week	Date	Weekday	Topics
			Introduction: What and Why of Studying Religions
WK1	3/31	Thur	No Class. Please read Durkheim, "Editor's Introduction," (pp.vii-xli); "Introduction" (pp.3-21) and Book 1: Preliminary Questions (pp.25-83).
		Intro	Please complete the Online Quiz in ANGEL.
WK2	4/7	Thur	Course Introduction: Religion and Religious Studies
		Intro	Sharing of Personal Views Introduction to Emile Durkheim and Max Weber. Method and Idea of Comparative Religions.

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