

## **Diversity (World Religions:Belief&Values)**

I was enrolled in World Religions:Belief&Values in the fall of 2019 which was my very first semester in college. Throughout my time in the course, I have learned the history and beliefs of various religions that we see around the world today. Some of these religions include Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, and Islam. My experience in world religion was unique because I had the opportunity to get insights as to how some of these religions are similar as well as seeing the difference in culture and beliefs. It was very interesting to see each religion's perspective on life.

Some work I had to produce in this course were short academic research papers on various religions as well as reflective papers based on religious poems or books. The academic research papers would allow a student to go in depth into a particular religion. By doing research, students would get an understanding of how a particular religion started and how their way of life has changed or evolved over the years to the present day. Reflective papers on a particular poem or book allows a student to make an analysis and conclusion based on what they have read. My favorite poem that I analyzed was The Odyssey Homer. The Odyssey Homer caught my interest due to the unique belief of afterlife and sacrifice which was completely new to me at the time.

Skills I have enhanced during my time in World Religion are critical thinking, cultural awareness, and verbal communication. My critical thinking skills were enhanced by analyzing various religious poems and articles where I had to use presented facts in order to come to a conclusion. I enhanced my cultural awareness skill in this course by learning that each religion has their similarity and differences, and this does not make anyone from a particular religion less

important. Throughout the course, there were frequent classroom discussions and all student had to participate. These discussions activities have enhanced my verbal communication skills because I had the opportunity to interact and communicate with students from various religious or ethnic backgrounds.

My experience from World Religion will stay with me for a very long time because skills and information I have acquired from this course will become useful in the future. For example, it is guaranteed that I will meet and interact with people from various backgrounds in the workplace. It is very important for all people regardless of background to treat each other with respect. World Religion have taught me to be mindful in which my views may not be the same as others, but everyone perspective must be respected.