

**Taipei American School: World Religions 2022-23**

***IBSL World Religions***

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**2nd Semester Overview**

This second semester will be very similar to the first semester; however, we will focus primarily on the 2 great Monotheistic Religions of Judaism and Christianity. Like last semester, we will have a Socratic Seminar on each of these religions for 30% of your grade. Another 20% of your grade will continue to be homework and class participation.

What is NEW this second semester is that 30% of your grade will be your INTERNAL ASSESSMENT which we will write in January and February in class. The final 20% of your grade will be IB Paper 1 and Paper 2 Practice exams that we will do together in April to prepare you for the real May IB Exam.

Remember for the real IB Exam in May your grade is based on:

25% Your Internal Assessment

30% “Paper 1”- You have 1 hour & 15 minutes to answer 5 Questions on Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Judaism, and Christianity

45% “Paper 2”- You have 1 hour & 30 minutes to answer 2 ESSAY Questions: One on Buddhism and One on either Judaism or Christianity

(SO IT IS IMPORTANT YOU LEARN A LOT ABOUT JUDAISM & CHRISTIANITY THIS SEMESTER!)

**COURSE GENERAL SCHEDULE**

**Semester II:**

Unit 1 Work on your Internal Assessment &

-Study JUDAISM

Unit 2 Christianity

Unit 3 Review for IB Exam

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

**Grading**

**Class Participation (10%)**

After each class you will complete the "Class Participation Rubric", which can be found on my website under "Week 1 World Religions Participation Rubric." Please note that your class attention and participation will determine 20% of your overall grade!

**Socratic Seminars & IB Practice Tests (30%)**

Instead of quizzes, tests, and exams we have "Socratic Seminars". During these seminars students in the class are expected to prepare for and lead class discussions on assigned topics related to class. Part of your grade is your preparation and part of your grade is your participation. You will also need to write practice Paper 1 and Paper 2s for Judaism and Christianity as well.

**Homework & Portfolio (10%)**

Instead of tests and quizzes, most of your grade is from "homework". So I expect you to complete the assigned readings and homework & be prepared to discuss in class. You will NOT have a lot of homework, so I expect you to do the little homework that is assigned so that you will be able to participate in class activities and discussions.

You must have an "art portfolio" for this class.

**Internal Assessment for (30%)**

For **IB students**, this 30% of your grade will be your **Internal Assessment.** So you must follow the directions for the IBSL World Religions Internal Assessment. I think you will discover that this Internal Assessment is "relatively fun and easy" also. The purpose is also for you to research and learn about ANY RELIGION or religious practice that interests you. It can be one of the religions we cover; however, it does not have to be. You can choose any religion you want. You will learn about it, read about it, and hopefully conduct interviews/field trips about it. The final IA is only 1,800 words long and is more an 'exploration' than a research paper.

**IB Paper 1 and Paper 2 Practice Exams (20%)**

In April you will do several practice exams for Paper 1 and Paper 2 to prepare you for the real IB Exam in May.

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**Semester 2 Tentative Schedule**

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| **Dates**  **(in A/B order)** | **Topics** |
| **UNIT 1** | **Internal Assessment UNIT & Study of other ‘religions’ for fun & Judaism** |
| **Jan 31**  **Day 1** | Introduction to 2nd Semester & Internal Assessments |
| **Feb 2**  **Day 2** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 6**  **Day 3** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 8**  **Day 4** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 10**  **Day 5** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 14**  **Day 6** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 16**  **Day 7** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 20**  **Day 8** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 22**  **Day 9** | Work on Internal Assessments  Judaism |
| **Feb 24**  **Day 1** | INTERNAL ASSESSMENT DUE!  Judaism |
| **Feb 28**  **Day 11** | Judaism |
| **Mar 2**  **Day 12** | SOCRATIC SEMINAR ON JUDAISM  PAPER #1 TEST ON JUDAISM DUE |
| **Mar 6**  **Day 13** | Christianity |
| **Mar 8**  **Day 14** | Christianity |
| **Mar 10**  **Day 15** | Christianity |
| **March 14**  **Day 16** | Christianity |
| **Mar 16**  **Day 1** | Christianity |
| **Mar 20**  **Day 2** | Christianity  PAPER 1 TEST on CHRISTIANITY DUE |
| **Mar 22**  **Day 3** | Christianity |
| **Mar** 27  **Day 4** | Christianity |
| **Mar 29**  **Day 5** | Christianity |
| **Mar** **31**  **Day 6** | Christianity |
| **Apr 11**  **Day 7** | Christianity |
| **Apr 13**  **Day 8** | SOCRATIC SEMINAR ON CHRISTIANITY  PAPER 2 ESSAY TEST ON CHRISTIANITY DUE |
| **Apr 17**  **Day 1** | Review for IB Exam |
| **Apr 19**  **Day 2** | Review for IB Exam |
| **Apr 21**  **Day 3** | Review for IB Exam |
| Apr 25  Day 4 | Review for IB Exam |
| **Apr 27**  **Day 5** | Review for IB Exam  MOCK IB EXAM PRACTICE TEST DUE |
| **May 2**  **Day 6** | May IB Exams Start |