

Details of the Examination Specification

WJEC-Religious Studies 3120

We will be exploring core beliefs and values essential to us all over the two years.

From the angle of Philosophical and Ethical Reasoning we will journey through the various Christian and Islamic, and other faith and atheistic responses to the evidence for a created world.

Exploring the nature of humanity – are we free beings with the independence to think for ourselves?

Do we have a soul and if so, what is its nature?

Can and should we describe God?

What do Christians, Muslims, Atheists and others mean by God?

Can we love our neighbour?

Is there an afterlife?

Should we care about the environment?

Are Abortion and Euthanasia acceptable or a basic right?

How can we judge the quality and the sanctity of life?

Subject Content

Unit 1: Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

Part A - Christianity and ONE other World Faith and their core beliefs and values

Part B - Christianity and ONE other World Faith and their responses to:

- Life and Death
- Good and Evil
- Non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists

Unit 2: Religious Responses to Ethical Themes

Part A - Christianity and ONE other World Faith and their core beliefs and values

Part B - Christianity and ONE other World Faith and Non-Religious beliefs - held by Humanists and Atheists and their responses to:

- Relationships
- Human Rights

Resources

Text book: GCSE textbooks based on the highly popular and respected Welsh Board specification. This will be published in the summer.

How is the Course Assessed?

The scheme of assessment consists of two exam papers, one per unit. Each paper is 1 hour and 45 minutes. In each paper there are four structured questions consisting of visual stimuli used as a basis for a series of paragraph and extended writing answers.

Deadlines:

There is no coursework element.

What is Expected of the Student?

This is a stimulating and interesting course requiring an impartial and thoughtful approach. Religious traditions studied reflect the cultural background and interest of the candidate. Some of the topics are most challenging and require independent research and work.

Additional Information

This course offers a qualification that combines an exploration of religious belief and ethics by way of explanation, reflection, discussion and critical evaluation. It links well with citizenship and personal and social education, social science and the humanities.

<http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/r-religious-studies-gcse-2017/>

Will show more detail of the syllabus requirements.