



**Sub Committee for Anthropology  
Faculty of Humanity & Social Sciences Curriculum Development**

**Name of Institute:** Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

**Course Name:** Anthropology Elective- Comparative Religion: Their Greater Similarities and Finer Differences

**(UG/PG):** UG, Electives

**Number of Credits:** 4 (60 Hours)

**Level:** 2

**Introduction**

Religion as a set of fundamental beliefs and practices, is the bedrock on which societies have evolved and developed since the evolution of man, as it contains the rules and codes that allow people to interact both amongst themselves, and with the natural world in which they live. Today its diverse forms range from the Pagan/Nature religions of many tribal groups, to the pluralistic and monotheistic major religions like Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism.

This course touches upon aspects such as the definition of religion, its origin, and different world religions. The course also elaborates upon the comparable dimensions within religions, and the role of religion through case studies.

The objective of this course is to study the manner in which religions interact with each other in its varied institutionalized forms, to discuss religious and cultural diversity, historical events and current affairs, as well as insights into the everyday lives of people around the world. This course also helps students review the influence of religion on media, history, and current affairs.