

Course Title: Religious Studies Specification B

Examination Board: WJEC

Full Course ONLY – course outline

Religion & Human Experience

There are five units you need to learn. Below is a list of topics within each unit. All units look at Christianity and Islam.

Unit 1: Religion & Conflict

Christianity	Islam
Love your enemies – Matthew 5:44	Jihad
Non-violent protest – Matthew 26:51-52	Rules of war – surahs 2:187, 2:39-40, 49:9
Sacrificial love – John 15:13	Just war
Just War	Mercy and peace – surah 2:193;8:61
A Christian using non-violent protest	The example of Muhammad
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Unit 2: Religion & Medicine

Christianity	Islam
Variety of Christian views on IVF	Human life is a gift from Allah
Attitudes to overcoming infertility	Allah decides when life shall end – surahs 3:145 and 16:61
When does life begin? Psalm 139:13,15-16	Acceptability of certain forms of IVF
Attitudes to abortion	Genetic experiments never permissible
Issues of organ donation and genetic engineering	Attitudes to abortion
	Organ donation & genetic engineering

Unit 3: Religious Expression

Christianity	Islam
Symbolism in places of worship	Symbolism in places of worship
Expectations of behaviour in Christian places of worship	Expectations of behaviour in mosques
Pilgrimage	Pilgrimage
The Holy Land & Lourdes	Hajj
Attitudes to: mission and evangelism	Attitudes to: leading others to Islamic faith

Unit 4: Religion & The State

Christianity	Islam
The Bible as a source of authority	The Holy Qur'an as a source of authority
Partnership between church and state	Shariah law
Mark 12:13-17 – God and Caesar	Difference between a Muslim country and an Islamic state
Oscar Romero	Growth of Islamic fundamentalism
Romans 12:17-21 - retribution	Surah 41:34 & 42:40 and belief in honour, justice and mercy
Capital punishment	Capital punishment

Unit 5: Suffering & Evil

Christianity	Islam
Creation of the world as perfect	Allah and his attributes
Original sin	Shaytan
The Devil	The Day of Judgement
Innocent suffering – Job	Al-Qadr
Jesus on the cross – suffering servant	Salah & Zakah
Jesus as the perfect human	The prophet of Muhammad as the model human
Heaven & Hell	Heaven & Hell