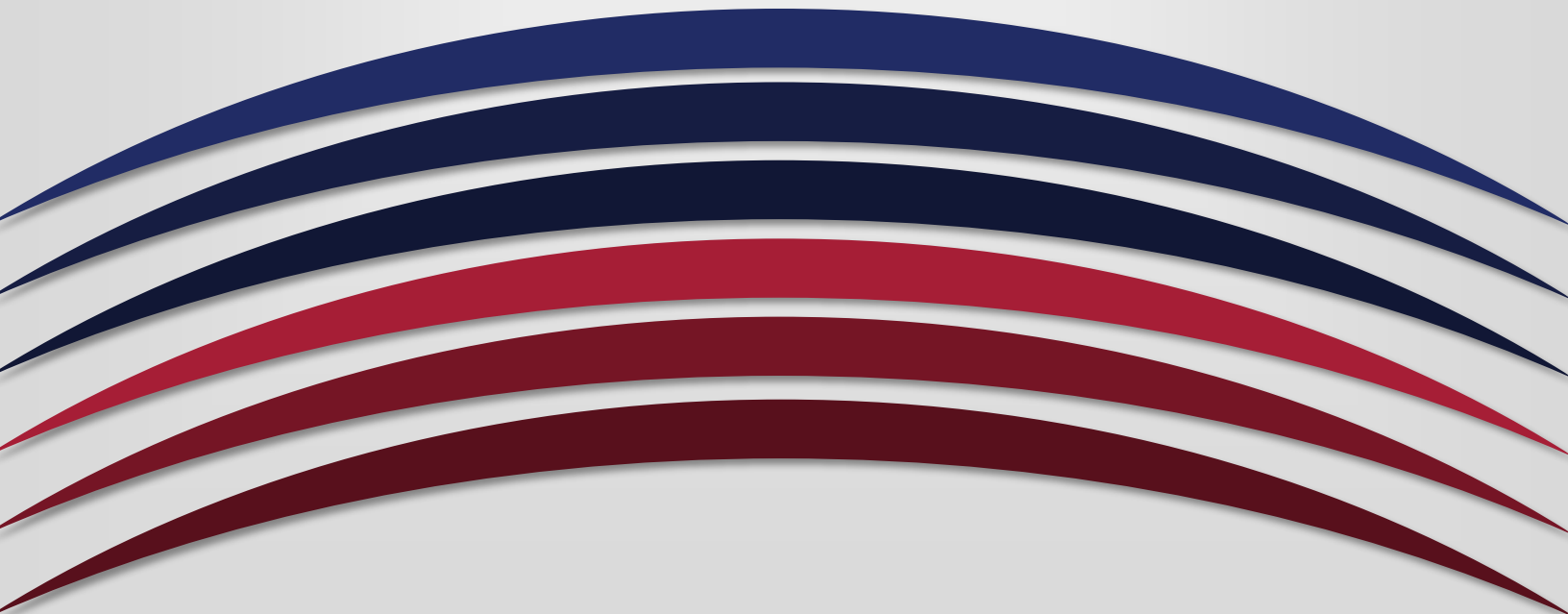# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
PULASKI TECH

Assessment Report:
2019-2020:
RELG 2035: World Religions

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2. Date of submission: _9/2/2020_

3. Is the assessment plan

☐ an initial plan for the program ☐ a revision of an old plan ☑ unaltered from previous year

Course-Level Learning Outcomes-

1. What are the Course-Level Outcomes (CLOs)?

Explain and recognize the basic tenets of the great religions of the world. (Active) Explain how religious beliefs influence the lives and practices of people throughout history and the modern world. Students should gain an appreciation of how their own religious beliefs compare to the beliefs of others.

2. Which CLOs were addressed for this academic year? (2019-2020)

All of the above.

3. Which CLOs are being addressed in your assessment plan next academic year? (2020-2021)

These will remain the same for next year.

4. Explain the assessment cycle.

Courses are assessed yearly, using scores on tests and essays. A standardized rubric is used on essays.

5. What are the assessment methods? Are they direct or indirect?

There are two direct assessment methods. First, each class will include multiple choice and short answer exams to ensure that students can recognize key terms and ideas, as well as explanations of the beliefs and traditions of a wide variety of religious traditions throughout the world. Second, we will use written essays to examine the ability to explain and/or compare religious traditions from a neutral

point of view. Some instructors may choose to combine these into multiple choice/essay exams.

6. What are the assessment goal(s)?

At least 75% of students should earn a 70% or higher on both exams and essays.

7. What were the findings for this academic year? (2019-2020)

Spring 2019

Exam Average: 80.2% (7/9 passing with a C or higher)

Essay Average: 80.5% (7/9 passing with a C or higher)

Fall 2019 Online

Exam Average: 89.4% (6/11 passing with a C or higher)

Essay Average: 91.2 % (6/11 passing with a C or higher)

Total passing: 13/20 with 70% or higher.

8. What is your analysis of the findings?

Overall, students who stay in the course are doing well and meeting the course learning objectives. Unfortunately, the attrition rate seems to be fairly high, especially in online courses – for that reason, while scores were high, we failed to meet that assessment goal.

9. What is the action plan for the next academic year? (2020-2021) Explain.

This year, I am revising my online course to make it easier to follow along and communicate with the instructor. I'll also be reaching out to students more frequently when they fail to turn in work. If we employ adjuncts, there will be more collaboration between instructors.