

Wayland Baptist University Mission Statement: Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Course Title and Number: THST 4340 HI01 New Religious Movements

Term: Spring 1: 2025 Collaborate Course

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Office Hours, Building, and Location: The professor is available at 4 PM before class and 30 minutes after class. The professor is also available by appointment at other times. Office Location is 599 Farrington Highway, Kapolei, HI 96707.

Class Meeting Time and Location: Monday (5:30 PM-8:30 PM) at Kapolei. The location in American Samoa is TBD. Collaborate will be set up 30 minutes prior to class.

Catalog Description: Introduction to the history and thought of religious or spiritual groups founded after 1800, which evidence deviant beliefs and/or practices from established denominations and religions; major attention on Latter-Christian Science, New Age Movements, and other groups which have a significant presence in the United States.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: RLGN 1301 and RLGN 1302

Required Textbook(s) and/or Resource Material:

Title	Editor/Author	Publisher	Ed	Year	ISBN
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<i>Guide to Alternative Belief Systems</i>	Jill Martin Rische				9781493421817
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This course includes an Automatic eBook. Should you wish to purchase a print copy remember to opt out by the due date.

Other Books and Periodicals: Student will also need a Bible of any translation recognized by mainstream Christianity. The professor may provide additional articles and websites for you to read throughout the course of the term.

Course Outcome Competencies: Students will:

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reference, when referencing a study note from the *NIV Study Bible* use the form for one general editor. **START YOUR RESEARCH EARLY!**

Course Evaluation:

University Grading System

A	90-100	I	INCOMPLETE**
B	80-89	Cr	FOR CREDIT
C	70-79	NCr	NO CREDIT
D	60-69	WP	WITHDRAWAL PASSING
F	BELOW 60	WF	WITHDRAWAL FAILING
		W	WITHDRAWAL

** A grade of incomplete is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next eight-week term, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion. If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to a grade of F. An incomplete

grade (A-F) by the date specified in the official University calendar of the next regular term. An incomplete turned to a qualitative grade will be indicated by the notation I/grade on the student transcript.

Procedure for computations of final grade

1. Midterm exam:	25%
2. Final exam:	25%
3. Research Paper:	25%
4. Discussion Board Average:	25%

Late assignments will not receive full credit and will usually receive a five point minimum reduction.

Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final

**Week 2 01/20/2025 Martin Luther King Day No Face to Face and No Collaborate
Spiritism, Theosophy; Wicca; Church of Satan**

Required Reading: Martin Chapters 7-8, Appendix A

Blackboard Discussion 2: Student Posting due 01/25 Student Response due 01/27

Week 3 01/27/2025 Mormonism

Required Reading: Martin Chapter 6

Blackboard Discussion 3: Student Posting due 02/01 Student Response due 02/03

**Week 4 02/03/2025 Christian Science, Unification Church; Unity School of
Christianity;**

Required Reading: Martin Chapters 5, 11, 12, 13

Midterm Exam Due 02/10/2025

Week 5 02/10/2025

Required Reading: Martin Chapter 4

Discussion Board 4: Student Posting Due 02/15 Student Response due 02/17

Week 6 02/17/2025