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## RELIGIONS FROM THE INSIDE: IMPROVING INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE UNIVERSITÀ DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA (USI) AND THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY OF LUGANO (FTL)

This online course presents the common elements of the five main world religions by focusing on those aspects that favour mutual dialogue rather than those that provoke tensions and conflicts.

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Students experience that dialogue among religions is possible by focusing on the fundamental tenets of each religion. Religion cannot be identified with fundamentalism. Fundamentalism in fact is a wrong, narrow and one-sided interpretation of religious life and doctrine. By experiencing a dialogical approach, students will improve their knowledge of world religions and become aware of the fact that each world religion is able to contribute to human coexistence.

#### STUDY REQUIREMENT

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#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify the most important characteristics of the main five religions
- Describe the fundamentals of the main five world religions
- Explain the relationship between the different forms of faith
- Reflect on what dialogue among religions means from a philosophical and epistemological point of view
- Develop a critical thinking about dialogue among religions and what makes it possible

#### SYLLABUS

- The main tenets of the five main world religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism.
- The conditions necessary for the practice of interreligious dialogue: elements that advance the cooperation and mutual understanding among different forms of faith.
- The five religions will be presented from the perspective of an interreligious dialogue.

 Every religion will be described in its structure from both its historical and conceptual viewpoints.

