

GREATER NEW YORK ACADEMY
RELIGION I
COURSE OUTLINE

INSTRUCTOR

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DESCRIPTION

The first part of this course is an in-depth study of the development and purpose of the Bible and how God's love and character are demonstrated through creation, redemption, and in human relationships. The second semester will be an overview of the significance of the life and times, the ministry, and the death and resurrection of Jesus as revealed in the four Gospels.

TEXTBOOKS

First Semester: The Bible
 In the Beginning... God.

Second Semester: The Bible
 God's Gift –Our Choice.

SEQUENCE

Dates	Book Section	Themes
September	Book 1 / Unit 1	• The Bible
October	Book 1 / Unit 2	• Creation • The Sabbath • Sin • Salvation
November-December	Book 1 / Unit 3	• The Flood • Families in the Book of Genesis
December-January	Book 1 / Unit 4	• God's love for all people • Bible principles on relationships
February	Book 2 / Unit 1	• The four Gospels • Jesus' World • Jesus' Childhood
March	Book 2 / Unit 2	• Jesus starts his ministry • Jesus' interaction with people • Jesus' teachings
April	Book 2 / Unit 3	• Jesus acclaimed and rejected • Jesus' not-so-welcomed teachings • Jesus' predictions of the future
May	Book 2 / Unit 4	• The week of the crucifixion • Jesus on the cross • Jesus' resurrection and ascension

COURSEWORK AND ASSESSMENT

Class Work (30%)

- *Reading (7.5%)*. Every class session will have some reading of passages from the Bible and/or other books. Some students will read aloud while the rest of the class reads along or listens.
- *Participating in class discussions (7.5%)*. There will also be discussions about the passages read and issues related to them. When the floor is open, one student will speak at a time in the order assigned by the teacher.
- *Group work (7.5%)*. You will work in groups of three or four to delve further into the topics of the lesson. You will often need your textbooks to complete group work.
- *Individual work (7.5%)*. During each class session you will write a journal entry in your religion notebook.

Homework (20%)

- *Group work (10%)*. You will work on one group project per quarter to share with others what you are learning. Each group is free to choose the audience (the class, the school, a church, the community, etc) and the format of the sharing project. Some format ideas are:
 - An outreach activity
 - A chapel service
 - A slide show
 - A skit
 - A podcast
- *Individual work (10%)*. For every unit in the textbook, each student will read and comment on at least one of the recommended readings posted on the class blog.

Quizzes (20%)

- *Daily quizzes*. Each class session starts with a one-question quiz based on assigned reading. Be on time to take the quiz and be marked present.

Tests (30%)

- There will be a writing test at the end of every unit. Students will choose among a number of writing tasks related to the themes in the unit.

ONLINE RESOURCES

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| • School's website | www.gnyacademy.org |
| • Class blog | gnya-religion1.blogspot.com |
| • The Bible | www.biblegateway.com |
| • Bible Atlas | www.anova.org/sev/atlas/htm/ |
| • Bible Information | en.bibleinfo.com |
| • Bible Study Tools | bible.crosswalk.com
www.blueletterbible.org/ |
| • Steps to Christ | www.whiteestate.org/books/sc/sc.asp |
| • Patriarchs and Prophets | www.whiteestate.org/books/pp/pp.asp |
| • The Desire of Ages | www.whiteestate.org/books/da/da.asp |
| • Geoscience Research Institute | www.grisda.org |
| • Adventist News Network | news.adventist.org |
| • Wikipedia | en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page |