TBA, Krapina Croatia

**TP111: Comparative Religions**

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| a. Course #:TP111 | b. Course Title **Comparative Religions**  | c. # & type units: 3 Semester hours | d. Academic Level:  Bachelor’s degree – Introductory Level | e. TMAI site(s) where taught: **Krapina, Croatia**  |
| f. Delivery Format: Residential | g. Target Audience:**Students who have desire and intention to serve in the local church** |
| h. Primary Language(s) of Target Audience: Croatian  | i. Primary Instructional Language:  Croatian  | j. If languages are different,  is a translation provided?   | Has this course received external accreditation, & if so, by whom? No |
| k. Course Description: **An introduction to world religions, cults, and the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement. These are studied from Biblical worldview perspective in order to discern truth from error and to determine effective means of evangelizing the lost as well as watching over the flock of God. Each religion or belief system is examined as to its historical origin and development and described according to worldview and theological categories.**  |
| l. Learning Outcomes: By the end of this course, the student will be able to: 1. Have a basic understanding of unbiblical religions and belief systems and be able to describe the basic worldview of each as opposed to a Biblical worldview.
2. Identify points of departure from the truth of Scripture for each false religion and belief system.
3. Determine the most suitable method or approach of evangelism to each false religion or belief system.
4. Discern between heretical and erroneous teaching within Christian movements and explain biblical correctives for both.
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| m. Student Time Allocation:  |
| Videos, lectures, class-time  | Reading & response  | Other homework assignments | Course papers & projects  | Exam preparation & taking | Total student time |
| 48 hrs. | 7 hrs.  | **4** |  22 hrs.  | 20 hrs.  | **101 hrs.** |
| n. Number of pages of reading required and typical titles assigned. 1. Komparativne religije (script in Croatian) by Dr. Stephen Etches (79 pages)
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| o. Brief description of major course projects/papers: Two papers are required. The first is a description and personal reflection of worship practices observed in a Roman Catholic mass or Serbian Orthodox service in Zagreb. The second is a research paper which provides an analysis of a world religion, cult, or Pentecostal/Charismatic group with a description of its worldview/belief system and a suggested approach of evangelism or correction of error. |