

**Academic discipline:
"History of religion"**

Code and name of specialty	1-02 01 01 History and Social sciences
Training course	1
Semester of training	1
Number of class hours:	48
Lectures	20
Seminar classes	28
Practical classes	-
Laboratory classes	-
Form of current assessment (credit/differential credit/exam)	Credit
Number of credits	3
Competencies to be formed	To know the basics of research activities, to search for, analyse and synthesise information. To work in a team, to be tolerant of social, ethno-ethnic, confessional, cultural and other differences. To have a humanistic outlook and qualities of citizenship and patriotism. To apply the system of knowledge about the essence of religions and religious phenomena, the main stages of the evolution of religious traditions of mankind.

Brief content of the academic discipline:

The concept of religion and approaches to the definition of its essence. The problem of the origin of religion. The structure of the religious complex. The role of religion in society. Classification of religions. Early forms of religious beliefs. National-state (national) religions: Ancient Egypt, India, Mesopotamia, Greece; East Slavic paganism, Hinduism, Judaism, Taoism, etc. World religions: Buddhism, Christianity (Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Protestantism and their directions), Islam. New religious movements (neocults). Modern religious situation in Belarus. Freethinking in relation to religion and its main forms. Freedom of conscience and its legal support. Religion, atheism and human rights.