

CATALOGUE OF ELECTIVE DISCIPLINES
7M02203 – Religious studies

Cycle of disciplines	Name of disciplines and their description the main sections	Number of credits (ECTS)
BD 1	CYCLE OF BASIC DISCIPLINES (BD)	35
1	Problems of modern religious studies	
	Disclosure of problems of religious studies. Basic concepts and categories. The essence and content of the concept of "religion". Structure of religious studies. The problem of religion. Mythology and religion. Methods of teaching religious studies. Consideration of the ideological foundations of the methodology of teaching the subject of religious studies. Definition of the content of religious education. Knowledge of religion. Identification of developing religious knowledge.	
2	Problems of understanding and interpretation of religious texts	5
	Hermeneutic theory in the modern world of globalization. The origin of hermeneutics historical stages of its development. The place of studying religious teaching in the system of religious education. Christianity heresies and their divine significance. The Islamic understanding of the texts of Tafsir. The problem of interpretation of religious texts. Hermeneutics and aesthetics. Problems of dialogue of hermeneutics and culture. Tafsir: problems of modern consciousness.	
3	Problems of religious consciousness	5
	Research of problems of religious consciousness. Mythology. Pantheism. Deism. The writing and legends on the basis of Christian theology, definition of their place. Religious and historical context of the formation of Christian theology. Philosophy and theology. Formation of the sacred Canon. Theology and mysticism. Apologists. Theology and exegetics. Alexandria school of theology. Christianity and their divine significance. The place of studying religious teaching in the system of religious education.	
PD 2	CYCLE OF PROFILE DISCIPLINES (PD)	49
4	Methodology and methodology of research work	5
	The objectives of the methodology and methodology of research are: the study of special literature and other scientific information on the achievements of domestic and foreign science in the field of "religious studies". Participation in scientific research. Collection, processing, analysis, systematization of scientific and technical information on the topic (task). Disclosure of actual problems on the topic or its section. Preparation of articles and abstracts for scientific collections.	
5	Methodology of conflict analysis and management in modern Kazakhstan	5
	The concept, the main causes and forms of religious and political conflicts. Conflictology. Religious and political extremism as a socio-historical phenomenon. Ideological, spiritual, moral, legal aspects and experience of resolving religious and political conflicts. Diagnosis and prevention. Peculiarities of religious and national conflicts in Kazakhstan and problems of their overcoming. Nationalism, religious terrorism. Tolerance and anti-cultism.	
6	Comparative religion	5
	Determination of the significance and content of comparative religion. Comparative religion as a direction in modern religious studies. Research methodology in comparative religious studies. Comparison of religious representations of primitive religions. Religious concepts in archaic religions. Historical religion. Comparative studies of the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam). Comparative studies of the sacred records of the major religions of the world.	

7	Religion and civil society	5
Religion as a socio-cultural phenomenon, its essence and degradation, familiarization with the emergence and development of national and monotheistic religions, the influence of the latter on the sphere of cultural and socio-political life, the importance of religion as a cultural phenomenon in history and the modern world. Religion and secularism. Secularizations. Post-secular society. Religion and civil society.		