**The name of the academic discipline:**

**“Religious Studies”**

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| **Specialty code and name** | 6-05-0231-01 Modern Foreign Languages (English Language. Chinese Language) |
| **Year of study** | 1 |
| **Semester of study** | 2 |
| **Number of in-class academic hours:** | 36 |
| **Lectures****Seminar classes** **Practical classes****Laboratory classes** | 18 |
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| **Form of the current assessment (*credit/ graded credit /exam*)** | graded credit |
| **Number of credit points** | 2 |
| **Competences** | Have the ability to analyze the processes and phenomena of national and world culture, establish interpersonal interactions taking into account socio-cultural characteristics, ethnic and religious differences. |
| **Summary of the academic discipline:**The concept of religion and approaches to defining 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). The 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. |