**The name of the academic discipline:**

**“Religious Studies”**

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| **Specialty code and name** | 6-05-0612-01 Software Engineering |
| **Year of study** | 2 |
| **Semester of study** | 3 |
| **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** | To analyze the role and significance of religion in society and the state, to evaluate the place of religious phenomena in the cultural system |
| **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. |