



INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS 100: EASTERN

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COURSE OFFERINGS

DAYS & TIMES:

Lecture:	Tuesday
Time:	7:00pm – 10:00pm
Room:	A2204

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Religion 100 focuses on the major religious traditions of eastern and southern Asia.

It is designed for those who have an interest in the subject but little or no previous knowledge of the subject. Through an examination of each faith's historical background, religious teaching and practice, worldview, as well as other relevant aspects, students gain an introductory understanding into the major religions in the world today.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Each student will gain an appreciation for the principal religions of the Eastern World today. Each will be exposed to the impact of the various Eastern Religions on humanity and world views of God, faith, traditional practices, impact on life and order in its society.

DELIVERY METHODS/FORMAT:

Religious Studies 100 focuses on the major religious traditions of eastern and southern Asia. The following traditions are examined: Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto and Zoroastrianism (East Asian/Pacific Religions). After developing an understanding of "religion" in a broader sense, we then examine each tradition with respect to its historic context and development, essential teaching, sense of worship, ritual, understanding of God, humanity and our place in the world. The course may include a variety of learning methods: lectures, seminars, presentations, films, guest speakers and open discussion.

COURSE PREREQUISITE(S)

Admission to the Academic Studies Division as well as a desire to learn more about the subject and respect and tolerance for other people and their beliefs.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION:

Regular attendance at, and participation in class is required. Participation marks are assessed on the basis of active listening skills and orally demonstrated comprehension of the required readings in the lecture/seminar portions of the class. Students are encouraged, on their own initiative, to raise questions and current events that directly relate to course content.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism (academic dishonesty) is a serious academic offence and will result in your receiving a mark of zero (F) on the assignment, or the course. In certain cases, it will also result in dismissal from the college.

Plagiarism involves representing the words of someone else as your own, without citing the source from which the material is taken. If the words of others are directly quoted or paraphrased, they must be documented according to standard procedures (e.g. APA, MLA). The re-submission of a paper for which you have previously received credit is also considered an academic offence.

Grades

There will be two written assignments, a personally selected Hindu Scriptures exercise, a seminar presentation(group of 2) or a reading assignment, a Mid -Term Examination (25%) and a Final Examination (50%). The final examination will be held during the Art's & Science Division's Christmas examination period will count for 50% of the Final Grade. The examination will examine all of the material presented in the text and the class.

Final Evaluation

Final grades will be compiled as follows:

Item	Percentage %
Assignment # 1	10%
Assignment # 2	15%
Mid -Term Exam (Week 6/7)	25%
Final Exam (November 29 - December 8)	50 %
TOTAL	100%

Written Assignments

1. "RELIGION and ME" (10 %) Due Date: September 26, 2006

Type three double spaced pages of personal reflection on your understanding of Religion in your life experience and within your current cultural experiences. Course material in the first two classes may assist with your reflection, but are not required to be included in your writing, nor is any "research" required. Grading will address how engaged the student is in thinking through and presenting personal reflection thoughts on paper.

2. "Hindu versus Sikh Religions" (15 %)

Due Date: October 17 , 2006

Type six (6) double spaced pages comparing and contrasting the "HINDU" and "SIKH" traditions. Comment on the structure and main doctrinal points of the two faith groups while demonstrating a good level of understanding of the Hindu and Sikh traditions. What is the demonstrated practice rituals in each tradition. Interpret the meaning of the traditions against a worldview. Does it make sense to you and how would you apply one of the traditions in your current life? Does it raise any questions about God or Religious practice for you? What are they? Conclude by detailing your personal views of the strengths and weaknesses of the traditions as you perceive the value of faith traditions within your life.

SCHEDULED EXAMINATION DATES:

Mid Term - Division dates will occur about the end of October in week 6 or 7.

Final Term – November 29 - December 8, 2006 as set by the Division Exam Timetable. The written examinations will be short answer and Multiple Choice.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

ALL EVALUATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGION 100, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE, ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO THE INSTRUCTOR PRIOR TO THE FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE COURSE. A FAILURE TO COMPLETE ANY OF THE EVALUATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGION 100 WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN A GRADE ASSESSMENT OF "FAIL" FOR THE COURSE.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS / MATERIALS:

Oxtoby, Willard G. "World religions Eastern Traditions", second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002. Chapters One to Seven.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Ludwig, Theodore M. "The Sacred Paths: Understanding the Religions of the World ", Fourth Edition, Prentice Hall Canada 2006.

Hopfe, Lewis M. & revised by Mark R. Woodward "Religions of the World", Ninth Edition Prentice Hall New Jersey, 2005.

Smith, Huston "World's Religions " Harper San Francisco/ Harper Collins Publishers, 1991

Noss and Noss "A History of the World's Religions ",

Water, Mark "World Religions- Made Simple ", John Hunt Publishing, 2002.

Various Authors: "World Religions: Sikhism, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judiasm, Islam. Whitecap Books, 2004

RECOMMENDED TEXTS: (CONTINUED)

Toropov , Brandon & Fr. Luke Buckles "The Complete Idiot's Guide to World Religions " Third Edition, Penguin Group Inc., Beach Brook Productions, 2004

McLellan, Janet "Many Petals of the Lotus",

Pearson , Abraham "Special Edition: World Religions", & Prentice Hall
Time Magazine , Issue 1, 2004.

W.J. Johnson, translator "The Bhagavad Gita", Oxford World's Classics, Oxford University press, 1994.

Hawkins, Bradley K. "Introduction to Asian Religions", Pearson Longman, New 1994.

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EQUIVALENCY/TRANSFERABILITY

UBC RELI 101 = Relg 100 (6)

SFU Hum 1xx (3) or with RELI 100 = Hum 230 (3) – B-Hum & Hum 1xx (3)

UVIC Hum 100L (1.5)

UNBC Humm 1xx (3)

UR Rlst 100 (3)

UAF Relg 221 (3)

UAS Sosc Elec. (3)

COURSE SYLLABUS BY WEEK

WEEK 1:

Date: August 29, 2006

TUESDAY: 7:00 – 10:00 p. m.

Required Reading:

- ***Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”***

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Seven: Page 449 to 462.

- ***1. Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.***

- ***Photocopied Package of Readings.***

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To describe the dimensions of religious experience.
2. To present the element of human involvement in the religious paths.
3. To examine the importance of symbols in religion.
4. To examine and understand the origins of religion.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 2:

Date: September 5, 2006

TUESDAY: 7:00 – 10:00 p. m.

Required Reading:

- ***Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”***

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Seven: Page 463 to 469.

- 1. *Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.*

➤ *Photocopied Package of Readings.*

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To describe the cultural types of the tribal and indigenous peoples.
2. To understand the significance of sacred stories for indigenous peoples.
3. To describe the relationship between religion and the sacredness of the earth.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 3:

DATE: TUESDAY, September 12, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- ***Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”.***

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter One: Page 12 to 50.

- 1. *Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.*

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Course Goals and Objective:

1. To examine the formative periods of Hinduism.
2. To examine the philosophical knowledge in the Upanishads.
3. To understand the development of the sacred ways.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

NOTE:

The examination of Hinduism introduces one to a religion with many characteristics that set it apart from Judaism, Christianity and Islam in that they are united in their belief in a single, all-powerful God; but, Hinduism has no emphasis on a single God.

WEEK 4

DATE: TUESDAY, September 19, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- *Oxtoby, Willard G. "World Religions Eastern Traditions",*

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter One: Page 50-80.

- *1. Fifty (50) pages from any document in the "Required Reading" list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of "Photocopied Readings" that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as "Required".*

- *Photocopied Package of Readings.*

Course Goals and Objectives:

1. To present Brahman as the one sacred reality.
2. To survey the notion of God/gods in Hindu.
3. To present the three paths to liberation.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 5

DATE: TUESDAY, September 26, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- *Oxtoby, Willard G. "World Religions Eastern Traditions",*

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter One: Page 80 – 125.

- *1. Fifty (50) pages from any document in the "Required Reading" list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of "Photocopied Readings" that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as "Required".*

- *Photocopied Package of Readings.*

Course Goals and Objectives:

1. To describe the development of Hindu worship.
2. To sketch the sacrifices of the Vedic Aryans.
3. To examine the rituals associated with the Life Cycle.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class

WEEK 6:

DATE: TUESDAY, October 3, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- ***Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”,***

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Two: Page 127 – 159.

- ***1. Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.***
- ***Photocopied Package of Readings.***

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To understand the significance of the life of the Buddha.
2. To present the beginning of Buddhism under the teaching of the Buddha.
3. To sketch the development of Buddhism after the death of Buddha.
4. To examine the development of Buddhism sect and movements.
5. To describe the history of Buddhism and Buddhism today.

NOTE:

Buddhism as a movement dedicated itself to the teachings of Buddha. It spread in India and then throughout Asia and beyond.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class

WEEK 7

DATE: TUESDAY, October 10, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- ***Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”,***

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Three: 161 – 197.

- 1. *Fifty (50) pages from any document in the Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.*

➤ **Photocopied Package of Readings.**

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To examine the Buddhist sense of Dharma.
2. To describe the meaning of nirvana.
3. To examine the sense of meaning concerning human existence and the world.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 8

DATE: TUESDAY, October 17, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- **Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”,**

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Four: Page 199 – 238.

- 1. *Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.*

➤ **Photocopied Package of Readings.**

Course Goals and Objective:

- 1. To describe the content and purpose of Buddhist ritual.
- 2. To sketch the relationship of monasticism to the good life.
- 3. To examine Buddhist ethics and models for society

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 9

DATE: TUESDAY, October 24, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- **Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”,**

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Four: Page 239 – 278.

- 1. *Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.*

➤ *Photocopied Package of Readings.*

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To examine the impact of Mahavira.
2. To sketch Jain dualism.
3. To understand Jain pacificism.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 10

DATE: TUESDAY, October 31, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- *Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”.*

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Four: Page 279 – 315.

- 1. *Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.*

➤ *Photocopied Package of Readings.*

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To understand the historical context in which Sikhism was born.
2. To examine the Islamic and Hindu influences on Sikhism.
3. To examine the idea of ethical living and hard work among Sikhs.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 11

DATE: TUESDAY, November 7, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- **Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”,**

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Five: Page 317 – 371.

1. Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.

- ***Photocopied Package of Readings.***

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To examine the dynastic history of China as it relates to the sacred paths.
2. To present the importance of the figures Confucius and Laozi.
3. To describe the origins and development of Buddhism in China.
4. To examine the harmony between sacred paths in China

NOTE:

Chinese have historically been comfortable with adopting those aspects of different teachings which best suit their day to day needs.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 12

DATE: TUESDAY, November 14, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- **Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”,**

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Five: Page 372 – 429.

- 1. ***Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.***

➤ ***Photocopied Package of Readings.***

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To present the idea of sacred in Chinese tradition.
2. To describe the importance of Heaven in Chinese religious history.
3. To understand the impact of religious systems upon popular religion.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 13

DATE: TUESDAY, November 21, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Required Reading:

- ***Oxtoby, Willard G. “World Religions Eastern Traditions”.***

second edition, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Chapter Six: Page 431 – 447.

- 1. ***Fifty (50) pages from any document in the “Required Reading” list relevant to the lesson content of the week plus any documents in the package of “Photocopied Readings” that applies. Examination question may be selected from any readings students are directed to as “Required”.***

➤ ***Photocopied Package of Readings.***

Course Goals and Objective:

1. To present the Confucian tradition of rituals.
2. To present the Daoist and popular religious traditions of rituals.
3. To understand ritual and worship in China as it relates to evil and goodness.
4. To describe the impact of ritual and worship in Chinese society.

Read and prepare to discuss verbally in class.

WEEK 14

Note: LAST CLASS – REVIEW CLASS FOR EXAM.

DATE: TUESDAY, November 28, 2006

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

**Final Examination Review: Question and Answer -
Extra time will be available for one on one appointments.**

**Final Examination (50% Course Grade) on entire course:
Arts & Science Examination Schedule : November 29 – December 8, 2006.**

***Thank you for the opportunity to teach this class
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VIDEOS ON RESERVE

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| 1. | “ATANARJUAT” –“ The Fast Runner ” | 160 minutes |
| 2. | “ Picturing A People: George Johnson | 48 minutes |
| 3. | “Religions of the World: Hinduism ” | 50 minutes |
| 4. | “ GHANDI ” | 190 minutes |
| 5. | “ City Of Joy” | 135 minutes |
| 6. | Religions of the World: Buddhism” | 50 minutes |
| 7. | Little Buddha | 140 minutes |

Others you have and are willing to place on reserve:



Eastern Religion 100 Final Grades 2006

		Assignment	Assignment	Mid Term	Final Exam	Final Grade
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