

**University of Calgary
Faculty of Arts
Department of Religious Studies**

RELS 329 L01 - Buddhism in East Asia
Fall 2010

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Required Text:

The Flower of Chinese Buddhism by Daisaku Ikeda

Recommended reading:

History of Japanese Buddhism

viewonbuddhism.org/history_japanese_buddhism.html

A Guide to Japanese Buddhism

www.buddhanet.net/nippon/nippon_partI.html

Course Description:

This course will explore East Asian Buddhism in terms of its history, leading figures, schools and philosophies. Emphasis will be given to the sinization process. This course will provide the student with an in-depth understanding of the basic issues in Chinese Buddhism and a general understanding of their role in the development of Japanese Buddhism.

Core Competencies:

Students will be exposed to philosophical, historical and cultural elements found in East Asian Buddhism. Modern methods of research will be demonstrated. Facts, authorities and movements will be studied.

Course Requirements:

There will be two tests.

In-class exam on Oct. 21 st	50 points
Registrar scheduled final exam	50 points

Grading:

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	100 - 96	A	95.9 - 90	A-	89.9 - 85
B+	84.9 - 80	B	79.9 - 75	B-	74.9 - 70
C+	69.9 - 65	C	64.9 - 60	C-	59.9 - 55
D+	54.9 - 53	D	52.9-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Once registered, please discuss any upcoming tests/examinations with the instructor **two weeks** before the scheduled date.

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