

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**Religious Studies 203 L01
World Religions — Eastern**

**Course Outline
Fall 2011**

Instructor: Seng L. Chia
Class day and time: MWF 2:00-2:50pm
Class location: ST 135
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Required Text

Oxtoby, Williard G. and Amore, Roy C. *World Religions: Eastern Traditions*. Third Edition.
Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Course Description

In the course of study, participants will examine the Hindu, Jain, Buddhist (Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana), and Chinese (Confucianism, Daoism, and other philosophers) religious traditions.

Course Requirements

I. Participation

Regular attendance and class participation are strongly encouraged. If you must miss any class, it is your responsibility to acquire the notes on the lectures and films you missed from your classmates. Classroom lectures will address subjects from the textbook as well as other sources, which will be presented in class and posted on Blackboard. Completing assigned readings prior to class is strongly encouraged, as doing so will enhance the interaction between students and the lecturer and entail a better learning experience for all.

II. Group Discussion and Reports

There will be two group discussions based on the readings posted on Blackboard. Students will be divided into small groups to discuss the main concepts presented in the readings and submit a report of the discussion. Each report is worth 5% of the total grade, for a total of 10%.

III. Examinations

The exams will be based on both the textbook and the class lectures. Students will be tested on their understanding of the key concepts presented in the texts, lectures, films, and discussions. The format of the exams consists of three sections. In section A (5%), participants must correctly match ten key terms to ten brief definitions. In section B (10%), participants must

identify the source, explain the meaning, and state the significance of two quotes derived from the primary texts. Section C (15%) consists of a long essay question. Participants will choose one of three questions to answer in the form of an essay (approx. 2 pages).

Exam dates are as follows:

Exam 1: Wednesday, October 12, 2011	30%
Exam 2: Monday, November 14, 2011	30%
Final Exam: Registrar-scheduled	30%

Grading Scale

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

Please note:

- 1) E-mail queries will be answered as soon as possible.
- 2) As a courtesy to other students, cell phones, texting, and chatting will not be allowed in class.

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

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and 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. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than **fourteen (14) days** after the start of the course.

Gnosis

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

The Office of the Student Ombuds provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.

Course Schedule

Date	Content	Sources
Mon, Sep 12	Hinduism	Oxtoby, chapter 2
Wed, Sep 14	Hinduism—Path of Sacrifice	Oxtoby, chapter 2
Fri, Sep 16	Group Discussion	Article*
Mon, Sep 19	Hinduism—Path of Knowledge	Oxtoby, chapter 2
Wed, Sep 21	Hinduism—Path of Devotion	Oxtoby, chapter 2
Fri, Sep 23	Hinduism	Film
Mon, Sep 26	Jainism	Oxtoby, chapter 4
Wed, Sep 28	Jainism	Oxtoby, chapter 4
Fri, Sep 30	Group Discussion	Article
Mon, Oct 3	Jainism	Oxtoby, chapter 4
Wed, Oct 5	Jainism	Oxtoby, chapter 4
Fri, Oct 7	Jainism	Film
Mon, Oct 10	Thanksgiving day	
Wed, Oct 12	Exam 1	
Fri, Oct 14	Early Buddhism	Oxtoby, chapter 5
Mon, Oct 17	Sectarian Buddhism	Oxtoby, chapter 5
Wed Oct 19	Mahayana Buddhism	Oxtoby, chapter 5
Fri, Oct 21	Group discussion	Article
Mon, Oct 24	Mahayana Buddhism	Oxtoby, chapter 5
Wed, Oct 26	Vajrayana Buddhism	Oxtoby, chapter 5
Fri, Oct 28	Vajrayana Buddhism	Film
Mon, Oct 31	Shinto	Oxtoby, chapter 7
Wed, Nov 2	Shinto	Oxtoby, chapter 7
Fri, Nov 4	Shinto	Group Discussion
Mon, Nov 7	Zen	Oxtoby, chapter 7
Wed, Nov 19	Pure Land	Oxtoby, chapter 7
Fri, Nov 11	Reading Days	
Mon, Nov 14	Exam 2	
Wed, Nov 16	Confucianism	Oxtoby, chapter 6

Fri Nov 18	Confucianism	Oxtoby, chapter 6
Mon, Nov 21	Confucianism	Oxtoby, chapter 6
Wed, Nov 23	Confucianism	Oxtoby, chapter 6
Fri, Nov 25	Confucianism	Group Discussion
Mon, Nov 28	Xunzi	Article
Wed, Nov 30	Mozi	Article
Fri, Dec 2	Daoism	Oxtoby, chapter 6
Mon, Dec 5	Daoism	Oxtoby, chapter 6
Wed, Dec 7	Daoism	Oxtoby, chapter 6
Fri, Dec 9	Daoism	Group Discussion

*Links to articles will be posted on Blackboard