Course: RELS 203 L01 - Asian Religions  
Time: Online Course  
Instructor: Chris Framarin  
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Office Hours: Wednesdays 12:30 - 2:30 and by appointment (Zoom link posted to D2L)  
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Required Texts:  
This book can be ordered directly from the publisher, please see the ‘News Items’ on D2L for ordering information. There is a choice of paperback or Kindle version – either are okay. Readings posted to D2L

Course Description:  
This course covers elements of the Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain religious traditions of Asia.

Online elements for this course:  
This course is entirely online.  
All lectures will be posted to D2L.  
Discussion Lists will be available throughout the semester.  
All office hours are on Zoom.  
The midterm exam and final exam will be available on D2L and will be submitted on D2L.

Core Competencies:  
Students will read and interpret primary South Asian texts in English translation.  
Students will assess the work of contemporary authors.  
Students will identify themes in South Asian myths.  
Students will explain fundamental concepts in South Asian religious traditions.  
Students will identify arguments for doctrinal positions within South Asian religious traditions.  
Students will synthesize concepts within and across religious traditions.

Policy with Regards to Missed Assignments:  
For spring semester, both exams will be scheduled for a 24-hour period. Students must take exams on the day they are scheduled. If a student cannot take an exam on the day it is scheduled should contact me before the exam begins, if possible.
Course Requirements:

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<td>Midterm</td>
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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, standardized within the Department of Classics and Religious Studies:

- 96-100 = A+
- 90-95.9 = A
- 85-89.9 = A-
- 80-84.9 = B+
- 75-79.9 = B
- 70-74.9 = B-
- 65-69.9 = C+
- 60-64.9 = C
- 55-59.9 = C-
- < 50 = F

Electronic Device Policy:
N/A

Course Schedule:
A complete schedule will be available before the first day of class on D2L.

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 (section K, which can be found here: [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html)). If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, or librarian staff.

Copyright Regulations
Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the [Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright Policy](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html) and understand their copyright responsibilities. Instructor created content (lecture presentations, assignments, exams, etc.) have been designed for use as part of this course at the University of Calgary and are the property of the instructor unless otherwise stated. Third party copyrighted materials (such as book chapters and articles) have either been
Student Accommodations
Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help
Go to http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students for Student Help and FAQ’s about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources
- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students’ Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at ascarts@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at https://arts.ucalgary.ca/ which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- 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 Block.

Freedom of Information and Privacy
This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): https://www.ucalgary.ca/hr/freedom_of_information_and_protection_of_privacy

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.

Student Ombudsperson and Students’ Union Representative
The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic
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.

Health and Wellness
There are services available to students to help with physical and mental health, including the SU Wellness Centre: http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/.

Learn more about the Campus Mental Health Strategy here: https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/.