

**FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION  
COURSE OUTLINE  
Spring 2022**

**Course Number:** RELS 203

**Course Name:** Asian Religions

**Classroom Location:** Online

**Class Days and Times:** All Online, All Asynchronous

**Instructor:** Chris Framarin

**Office Hours:** Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00 and by appointment (Zoom link posted to D2L)

**Instructor Contact:** [chris.framarin@ucalgary.ca](mailto:chris.framarin@ucalgary.ca)

**Instructor Email Policy:** I will answer emails within 24 hours **outside of weekends and holidays**.  
(This means I will reply to an email sent on Friday at 4 p.m. by Monday at 4 p.m.)

**Course Description:**

This course covers elements of the Hindu, Buddhist, and/or Jain religious traditions of Asia.

**Course Calendar Statement:**

Introduction to Eastern religions such as Jainism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism.

(\*\*\*)Note that the Description of this course does not include all of the traditions listed under the Calendar Statement)

**Learning Resources/Required Texts:**

Doniger, Wendy. 2004. *Hindu Myths* (NY: Penguin).

Readings posted to D2L

**Learning Technologies and Requirements:**

In order to succeed in this course, students are required to have access to:

a computer with a supported operating system and the latest security and malware updates,

a current and updated web browser,

current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled, and

broadband internet.

**Online elements for this course:**

This course is entirely online on D2L.

All lectures will be posted to D2L.

All office hours are on Zoom.

The three exams will be available on D2L, and will be submitted on D2L.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

Students will read and interpret primary South Asian texts in English translation.

Students will assess the work of contemporary scholars.

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.

**Course Schedule:**

I post weekly course schedules to D2L. Before the first day of class, schedules and material through the first exam will be posted.

**Examinations (\*\*times are chosen for maximum student availability\*\*)**

First Exam: Saturday, May 21, 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 11:59 p.m.

Second Exam: Saturday, June 4, 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 11:59 p.m.

Third Exam: Registrar-Scheduled (date and time to be announced)

**Assessment Components:**

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
Saturday, May 21	First Exam	30	NO
Saturday, June 4	Second Exam	30	NO
Date TBD (Registrar scheduled)	Final Exam	40	NO

**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. Grades are not rounded.

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

**Policies with Regard to Assessments:**

Exams will be scheduled for a specific time period on a particular day for all students. These days and times are selected to maximize student availability. If a student cannot take the exam at the scheduled date and time, they should contact the instructor as soon as possible. Students who take the exam at another time will be given an alternate exam.

**Expectations for Writing:**

For each assessment, students will have to sign a declaration that states that the student's work is:

1. the student's own.
2. written in their own words, and does not reproduce course material word-for-word.

And that the student has not:

1. worked with other people during the assessment,
2. written their answer before the assessment in collaboration with other people,
3. copied materials from others – including online materials,
4. posted answers online in any form (including on facebook, discord, etc.),
5. done anything else in preparing their answer that is considered plagiarism or academic misconduct under the University of Calgary's Academic Integrity Guidelines

(available at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/live-uc-ucalgary-site/sites/default/files/teams/9/AI-Student-handbook-1.pdf>)

### **Academic Accommodation:**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations>. Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf>). 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.

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/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

### **Course Evaluations and Student Feedback:**

Student feedback will be sought at the end of the course through the standard University Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) and Faculty course evaluation forms. Students are welcome to discuss the process and content of the course at any time with the instructor.

### **Instructor's Intellectual Property**

Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

### **Academic Misconduct**

Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure please visit:  
<https://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf>  
<https://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-academic-misconduct-procedure.pdf>  
Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>.

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy**

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

### **Copyright Legislation**

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright-policy.pdf>) and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>.

### **Media Recording:**

Please refer to the following statement on media recording of students: [https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Media-Recording-in-Learning-Environments-OSP\\_FINAL.pdf](https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Media-Recording-in-Learning-Environments-OSP_FINAL.pdf)

### **Media Recording for Lesson Capture:**

The instructor may use media recordings to capture the delivery of a lecture. These recordings are intended to be used for lecture capture only and will not be used for any other purpose. Although the recording device will be fixed on the Instructor, in the event that incidental student participation is recorded, the instructor will ensure that any identifiable content (video or audio) is masked, or will seek consent to include the identifiable student content to making the content available on University approved platforms.

### **Sexual Violence Policy:**

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf>

### **Other Important Information**

Please visit the Registrar's website at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

for additional important information on the following:

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk