

**The University of Calgary  
Faculty of Humanities  
Department of Religious Studies**

**Religious Studies 203 L01:** World Religions – Eastern  
Class time: TR 12:30-13:45

*Course Outline Winter 2010*

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Required Reading

Awakening An Introduction to the History of Eastern Thought (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.) by Patrick S. Bresnan

Course Description

This course is designed to be an introduction to the spiritual traditions of India, China, and Japan. Major topics in Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto will be presented by means of lectures, discussions, films, and readings.

Core Competencies

The student will become familiar with the important facts, authorities, schools and movements in the South and East Asian Traditions. Important cultural elements will be studied. Students will be exposed to modern scholarly methodologies. Critical analysis and interpretations of evidence will play a central role.

Course Requirements

Class participation refers to joining the discussions and submitting a “question of the day”. There will be a midterm (in-class) and a **Registrar scheduled final exam**. Marks are given on a scale with a total of 100 points. Reading assignments will be given out in class.

\*\*\* Students must take tests on assigned day and time or have a valid medical note. Final exams will not be returned to students.

Discussion of the week	5 points (topics provided in class)
Question of the Day	10 points (selected on submission)
Midterm Exam	42 points, March 2
Final Exam	43 points, Registrar scheduled
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	100 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 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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