

University of Calgary
Faculty of Arts
Department of Religious Studies
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Religious Studies 203 L02
World Religions – Eastern

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Required Text:

World Religions Eastern Traditions (3rd ED.) by W. Oxtoby and R. Amore
Oxford's online study guide

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 the assigned day and time or have a valid medical note. Final exams will not be returned to students.

Discussion of the week	5 points
Question of the day	5 point
Midterm Examination	45 points (in class March 3)
Final Examination	45 points (Registrar Scheduled)

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:

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:

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