

Course Syllabus: Religion 103 (CRN35278)
Religions of the Eastern World
Winter 2013 – 3 Credits
TR 1:00-2:20 PM NHS 109

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Overview and Introduction

This course covers seven basic religions originating in India, China, and Japan. They represent distinctive perspectives that have grown to characterize an Asian philosophical view which differs significantly from western philosophies. It is good, then, to keep an open mind in this survey as we wrestle with age old religious questions and their impact in shaping these important and ancient cultures.

Please note the days and contact times of Instructor availability shown above. I will be checking e-mail at least once a day from Sunday through Thursday and responding to all questions within 24 hours on those days. Include your name and course in all correspondence. I respectfully request that you do not expect a response from me on Fridays and Saturdays. You may, of course contact me by phone, but you will receive a quicker response by e-mail.

Course Description:

Surveys cultures and religions of the eastern world with a focus on the importance of inner spiritual development, compassion, tolerance, and commitment to balance in the social order. Includes understandings of Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and Sikhism.

Required Materials:

- Molloy, Michael, Experiencing The World's Religions. McGraw-Hill, New York, NY.

Other Sources

- Prabhavananda, Swami and Isherwood, Christopher, Bhagavad – gita/ The Song of God. New American Library, Penguin Group, New York, NY.

- Hesse, Herman, Siddhartha. Bantam Books.
- Hoff, Benjamin, The Tao Of Pooh. Penguin Books, New York, NY.

Prerequisite Course(s):

Reading 90 and Writing 115 or above are recommended.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate awareness and insight of other world religions.
2. Recognize and articulate the diverse issues related to eastern religions.
3. Draw relationships from eastern cultures and beliefs in a process of self exploration for greater personal understanding.
4. Use analytical and critical thinking to draw reasonable conclusions.

Learning Activities

Interactive Lecture/ Discussion

Watching and Commenting on Film, DVD and Power Point Presentations

Group Learning Activities

Self-Directed Reading, Writing, and Research

Course Requirements

The final grade in this class will be determined by performances on assignments and activities shown below.

Exams: There will be 4 major exams worth 50 points each given over the course of the term which are all required. Questions will be written and comprehensive so Essay Blue Books are required. These may be purchased at the book store or café. **In most cases make-ups for missed exams will be penalized one letter grade.**

Re-Take Option: For those who complete the exams on schedule there will be an opportunity to repeat an One of the first 3 exams of you're your choice to receive a higher score. Sorry, but due to time restrictions in Week 10 Re-Taking Exam 4 is not an option. All repeats and make-ups will be given during the Final Exam period. **Only one Make Up or Re-Take may be allowed with this option.**

Reflection Paper: There will be a 3-5 page paper worth 25 points relating the topics of the course to personal self exploration.

Research Paper: Toward the end of the course a 3-5 page paper worth 25 points will be required examining one of the topics presented during the term. Hand outs describing the assignment will be distributed

Class Activities: There will be in-class activities worth 5 points each given randomly throughout the quarter. Students will need to complete 5 of these for full credit. Those successfully completing all 6 will receive 5 points extra credit. **No make ups or late activities will be accepted. Please, don't even ask!**

Small Group Exam: A comprehensive group overview worth 25 points comprised of objective and essay questions will be given in the last week of class. There will be no study guide for this exam. Scores will be based on the performance of the groups overall.

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You may access points earned toward your final grade by clicking on Grade Book under the course heading. Throughout the course announcements, documents, and special links will be available through Black Board. Grades will be posted there regularly, as well.

Grades: Final Grades will be assigned based on the total of 300 points possible as shown below.

<u>Points Earned</u>	<u>Grades</u>
270 or more	A
240 - 269	B
210 - 239	C
180 - 209	D
179 or Less	F

Class Policies

Preparedness: Please come to class ready to discuss reading assignments and respond to in-class questions.

Courtesy and Classroom Decorum: Please help maintain the learning environment by arriving on time, turning off cell phones, and avoiding disruptions. Show an attitude of respect for the opinions of others and present your own ideas constructively.

Cheating/ Plagiarism: Do your own work! Copying from another source without proper citation is cause for a failing grade in the assignment, test, or the class. Bibliographies and in-text citations are required whenever you use outside sources, including the internet.

College Policies:

Disability Services: Students who may need accommodations due to documented disabilities, who have medical information which the instructor should know, or who need special arrangements in an emergency, should speak with the instructor during the first week of class. If you have not accessed services and think you may need them, please contact Disability Services, 917-4789.

Waitlist Policy: Students not in attendance for the first class meeting may be dropped to allow for those wishing to add at that time.

Drop Policy: Students are responsible for knowing the last day to drop the course for a full refund. Also, be aware of the last day to officially withdraw from this course for transcripts to show a 'W'.

Incomplete Grades: You may be eligible for an 'Incomplete' grade if you have finished 90% of the class work. Should you receive an 'Incomplete', all course work must be finished by the end of the next term. Please contact the instructor prior to term's end with appropriate documentation for requesting an 'Incomplete'.

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Date (The week of)	TOPIC	READING	EXAMS/ ETC.
Week 1 – 01/08	Intro To Religion Hinduism	Chapter 1 Chapter 3	
Week 2 – 01/15	Hinduism	Chapter 3	
Week 3 – 01/22	Hinduism	Chapter 3	
Week 4 – 01/29	Buddhism	Chapter 4	
Week 5 – 02/05	Buddhism	Chapter 4	
Week 6 – 02/12	Buddhism	Chapter 4	
Week 7 – 02/19	Jainism/ Sikhism	Chapter 5	
Week 8 – 02/26	Daoism/Confucianism	Chapter 6	
Week 9 – 03/05	Daoism/Confucianism	Chapter 6	
Week 10 – 03/12	Shinto	Chapter 7	
Final Exam – 03/19	2:30-4:20 PM NHS 109		

***Please Note:**

- 1. Regular attendance is important. There are times, however, when absences are unavoidable. For this reason it's essential to acquire a "study buddy" during the first week of class who will "cover" for you in the event of such an absence. Please exchange e-mail addresses and telephone #s with that person straight away.**
- 2. The dates for exams and assignments will be posted in the weekly assignments and announced in class.**

Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Process

If you feel you have been discriminated against in any interaction at Linn-Benton Community College or have been harassed by another person while at LBCC please contact us immediately based on the following:

A student complaint about another student

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A student complaint about an LBCC staff member

Contact: Scott Rolen
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An LBCC staff member complaint about another staff member or student

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