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CLASS HOURS 45 hours  LECTURE HOURS  CONTACT HOURS (CEU ONLY)

DEPARTMENT Humanities and Communication  SCHEDULE TYPE Virtual Classroom (H)

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COMPUTER TITLE Restricted to 25 characters, including spaces Eastern Religions

CATALOG TITLE Religions of the World 2: Eastern Religions

CATALOG DESCRIPTION OF COURSE Limited to 350 characters, including spaces

Studies eastern religions. Includes Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism and the religions of Japan.

In addition, you may attach a course syllabus and/or more detailed description.

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Hum 1025: Eastern Religions  
Credit Hours: 3  
PreReq: None  

Course Description: Studies eastern religions. Includes Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism and the religions of Japan. This course also studies the spread of these Eastern religions in the western world today.

Objectives:

1. To describe the origins and roots of Hinduism and to be introduced to a monistic worldview. To study the concepts of karma, rebirth, and liberation.
2. To understand the source and the current status of the Indian caste system.
3. To explain the practices and goals of the four Hindu religious paths.
4. To describe features of the devotional Hinduism and to know the stories and characteristics of the most popular Hindu gods.
5. To know the basic message of the Bhagavad Gita as well as the revealed Hindu scriptures.
6. To know the life story of the Buddha according to tradition and to describe aspects of Hinduism that Buddha rejected.
7. To know the basic teachings of Buddhism: the four noble truths, the eightfold path, the five precepts, no self and change.
8. To discuss the spread of Buddhism beyond India and to know the difference between the three major branches of Buddhism.
9. To know the origins of Jainism and the emergence of Sikhism in India.
10. To study the basic elements of traditional Chinese belief that appear in later developments of Chinese religions.
11. To know the basic details of the lives of the key founders of Taoism and Confucianism.
12. To know Taoist values and ideals, and the images used to convey them and the focus and goals of Confucianism, especially in terms of the Five Great Relationships, the Confucian Virtues, and the notion of the “noble person.
13. To retell portions of the Shinto creation story and to describe the focus and practice of Shinto.

Tentative Course Outline

Introduction and oral religions  
Philosophical underpinnings of eastern thinking  
Hinduism: Vedic religion, caste system, and the Upanishads  
Hinduism: Bhagavad Gita, Yogas, popular religion  
Buddhism: life of the Buddha, basic teachings  
Buddhism: Theravada and Mahayana, Jainism  
Buddhism: Tantric and Tibetan Vajrayana  
Taoism and early Chinese religion  
Confucianism
Chinese Mahayana
Japanese Buddhism, Zen, Shinto
Western Religions in the East
Eastern Religions in the West

Texts:
Scriptures of the East (Paperback) by James Fieser (Author), John Powers

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