



## COURSE OUTLINE

Instructor	Dr. Justine Noel		
Office Hours	Mondays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11:30 am		
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### Course Schedule:

Lectures: Tuesdays, 3:30 pm – 5:20 pm, Y 303C

Seminars: Thursdays, Group A: 3:30 pm – 4:20 pm, Y 300

Group B: 4:30 pm - 5:20 pm , Y 300

**Calendar description:** An introductory survey of Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Chinese religions, and Shinto, this course explores the sources, beliefs (including representative texts), and practices of these religions. The traditions of each will be studied in their cultural and political contexts from both historical and contemporary perspectives.

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** by the end of this course the student should be able to

1. Explain the contexts/historical settings in which Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Chinese religions (Confucianism, Taoism), and Shintoism arose.
2. List major dates, events, and places central to each.
3. Describe the historical linkage/relationships among them.
4. Summarize their major beliefs, teachings, ideals, and practices.
5. Explain variations/splits/divisions in each tradition.
6. Analyze their similarities/differences.
7. Compare/contrast various elements in Eastern religions.
8. Evaluate their relationship to and impact on the world today.

**Text:** Living Religions: Eastern Traditions, Mary Pat Fisher, Prentice Hall

### Course Requirements:

3 tests: 45% (15% each)

final exam (cumulative): 30% (date tba, final exam period)

seminar attendance: 10%

compare and contrast paper: 10%

seminar facilitation: 5%

## Reading Assignments

### **Week 1: Why Are There Religions? Chapter 1**

- 1/10 Introduction, Religious Symbols
- 1/12 Discussion of chapter 1

### **Week 2: Hinduism, Chapter 2**

- 1/17 Hinduism, p.41-58
- 1/19 Discussion of Hinduism

### **Week 3: Hinduism, Chapter 2 cont.**

- 1/24 Hinduism, p.64-81, 87-89
- 1/26 Discussion of Hinduism, Review for test #1

### **Week 4: TEST WEEK, Begin Jainism, Chapter 3**

- 1/31 **TEST #1** on Hinduism (and chapter 1), after the test, overview of Jainism
- 2/2 Discussion of Jainism, begin chapter 3

### **Week 5: Jainism, Chapter 3**

- 2/7 Jainism cont., finish chapter 3
- 2/9 Discussion of Jainism

### **Week 6: Feb. 14 and 16, no classes, Camosun reading break**

### **Week 7: Buddhism, Chapter 4**

- 2/21 Buddhism, p.103-116
- 2/23 Discussion of Buddhism

### **Week 8: Buddhism, Chapter 4 cont.**

- 2/28 Buddhism, p.125-132, 134, 136
- 3/2 Discussion of Buddhism

### **Week 9: TEST WEEK, Begin Sikhism, Chapter 5**

- 3/7 **TEST #2** on Jainism and Buddhism, after the test, overview of Sikhism
- 3/9 Discussion of Sikhism, begin chapter 5

### **Week 10: Sikhism, Chapter 5 cont.**

- 3/14 Sikhism, finish chapter 5
- 3/16 Discussion of Sikhism

### **Week 11: Taoism, Chapter 6**

- 3/21 Taoism, p.171-182
- 3/23 Discussion of Taoism

### **Week 12: TEST WEEK, Begin Confucianism, Chapter 6 cont.**

- 3/28 **TEST #3** on Sikhism and Taoism, after the test - overview of Confucianism
- 3/30 Discussion of Confucianism, finish chapter 6

### **Week 13: Shinto, Chapter 7**

- 04/4 Shinto, chapter 7

**Week 14: Review**

4/11 Review for final exam

**Policy on missed tests:** Make-up tests are permitted in cases of illness or personal crisis only. A make-up test will not be scheduled until proper documentation is provided.

**Cell phones:** cell phones must be turned off and put away during class time.

**Grading System**

*(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)*

**Standard Grading System (GPA)**

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

**Temporary Grades**

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca) for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3<sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

**7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course****LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services, or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

## STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**.  
It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy.  
The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services,  
and the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED