College of the Humanities
Religion Program: RELI 2510A
Hinduism

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Course Description:

A historical survey of Hinduism from the Vedas to contemporary thought.

Required Texts: Available at Carleton Bookstore

Hillary Rodrigues, *Introducing Hinduism*, New York: Routledge, 2006.

W. J. Johnson (translator), *The Bhagavad Gita*, Oxford University Press, World's Classics.

Course Package available only of the CU Bookstore

Course Requirements and Evaluation:
1. Two in-class tests 40% (2 x 20%) (written on Oct. 5 and Nov. 2)
2. A written assignment 20% (due Nov. 23)
3. Final exam – scheduled during the final examination period 40%

General Notes on Evaluation:

1. You will receive a guideline for the written assignment. Your written assignment must follow these guidelines and your grade will be based on your adherence to that criteria.
2. Please see "Regulations Common to all Humanities Courses" attached to the syllabus for policy on plagiarism, grading systems, requests for academic accommodation and petitions to defer.
3. Late assignments may not be graded. Those that are graded will receive a 5% mark deduction per day late.
4. Missed tests, quizzes, exams and assignments can only be made up if the student supplies adequate written documentation (i.e., a doctor's note, an obituary) for the absence.

Class Reading and Lecture Schedule: (Please note: the short form CP stands for readings found in the Course Pack)

Week 1: Sept. 9
Lecture Topics: course introduction, the Indus Valley
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Introduction

Week 2: Sept. 14, 16
Lecture Topics: The Vedas and Vedic Ritual
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 1 (Vedic Religion)
2. *Rig Veda* 10.90, 10.129 – posted to the LMS system
3. "Seven Prevalent Misconceptions about India's Caste System" – posted to the LMS system

Week 3: Sept. 21, 23
Lecture Topics: The Upanishads
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 2 (Karma and cosmology)
2. Select readings from the Upanishads (*Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad*, chapter 2, section 4-5; *Chāndogya Upaniṣad*, chapter 1, section 1, chapter 3, section 12-14, chapter 6, section 1-16, *Kena Upaniṣad*, all chapters) (CP)

Week 4: Sept. 28, 30
Lecture Topics: Aspects of Hindu Philosophy: Monism, Dualism and Theism
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 5 (The Sanskrit Language), Chapter 6 (Indian Philosophical Schools) and Chapter 12 (Vedanta)

Week 5: Oct. 5 (no class Oct 7 for Carleton University Day) **Test One (Oct. 5)**

Week 6: Oct. 12, 14
Lecture Topics: Dharma and Ashrama
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 3 (Hindu social organization and values) and Chapter 4 (Dharma and the individual)
2. Selections from *Manu's Code of Law* (CP)

Week 7: Oct. 19, 21
Lecture Topics: The *Mahabharata* and the *Bhagavad Gita*
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 7 (The Epics) and Chapter 8 (The *Bhagavad Gita* and the rise of *bhakti*)
2. *The Bhagavad Gita*

Week8: Oct. 26, 28
Lecture Topics: The *Ramayana*
Readings: 1. Rāma's story as given in the *Mahābhārata* (CP)

Week 9: Nov. 2, 4 **Test Two (Nov. 2)**
Lecture Topics: Bhakti
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 9 (Major Hindu theistic sects) and Chapter 10 (Hindu deities and Puranic mythology)
2. Selected readings from the *Bhagavata Purana* (CP)

Week 10: Nov. 9, 11
Lecture Topics: Shiva and Temples
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 11 (Hindu art and worship rituals)
        2. Selected readings from Shaivite Puranas (the destruction of the triple city of the demons,
         and Shiva destroys Kama) (CP)

Week 11: Nov. 16, 18
Lecture Topics: Devi and Ritual
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 13 (Tantra)
        2. Selected readings from Shakta Puranas (the *Devimahatmya* listed as *Encountering the
        Goddess* in your course pack) (CP)
        3. "The Hindu Gods in a South Indian Village" in *Everyday Life in South Asia* (CP)

Week 12: Nov. 23, 25 **Written Assignment due (Nov. 23)**
Lecture Topics: Swami Vivekananda and M. K. Gandhi
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 14 (Reform and revitalization)
        2. Selected readings from Swami Vivekanada and M. K. Gandhi (CP)

Week 13: Nov. 30, Dec. 2
Lecture Topics: Contemporary Political Hinduism
Readings: 1. Rodrigues: Chapter 16 (Hinduism and the West)
        2. "Introduction" to *Hindu Nationalism* (CP)
        3. "Ayodhya, the Babri Masjid, and the Ramjanmabhumi Dispute" in *Hindu Nationalism* (CP)

REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL HUMANITIES COURSES

COPIES OF WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED
Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

PLAGIARISM
The University Senate defines plagiarism as "*presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own.*" This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "*substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.*"

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course's instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of "F" for the course

GRADING SYSTEM
Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100 (12)   B = 73-76 (8)   C - = 60-62 (4)
A = 85-89 (11)   B- = 70-72 (7)   D+ = 57-59 (3)
A- = 80-84 (10)   C+ = 67-69 (6)   D = 53-56 (2)
B+ = 77-79   (9)   C = 63-66 (5)   D - = 50-52 (1)

F   Failure. Assigned 0.0 grade points
ABS   Absent from final examination, equivalent to F
DEF   Official deferral (see "Petitions to Defer")
FND   Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY
The last date to withdraw from **FALL TERM** courses is **DEC. 5, 2011**. The last day to withdraw from **FALL/WINTER (Full Term)** and **WINTER** term courses is **APRIL 5, 2012**.

<ins>**REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**</ins>

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by Nov.11, 2011for the Fall term and March 7, 2012 for the Winter term. For more details visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

PETITIONS TO DEFER

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a **FINAL** assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply a deferral of examination/assignment.
If you are applying for a deferral due to illness you will be required to see a physician in order to confirm illness and obtain a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination or assignment deadline. This supporting documentation must specify the date of onset of the illness, the degree of incapacitation, and the expected date of recovery.
If you are applying for a deferral for reasons other than personal illness, please contact the Registrar's Office directly for information on other forms of documentation that we accept.
Deferrals of assignments must be supported by confirmation of the assignment due date, for example a copy of the course outline specifying the due date and any documented extensions from the course instructor.
Deferral applications for examination or assignments must be submitted within **5 working days** of the original final exam.

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Registrar's Office 520-3500   300 Tory
Student Academic Success Centre 520-7850   302 Tory
Paul Menton Centre 520-6608/TTY 520-3937   501 Uni-Centre
Writing Tutorial Service 520-2600 Ext. 1125   4th Floor Library
Learning Support Service 520-2600 Ext 1125   4th Floor Library