Course Description: This course is an introductory survey of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism as they are found and practiced in South Asia. The course takes an historical approach to each tradition as does it examine important texts, practices and contemporary themes from each tradition.

Course Objectives:

1. To become familiar with the academic study of religion at a secular university.
2. To gain an introductory knowledge of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism as historical religious traditions and as they are currently practiced.
3. To develop research and writing skills appropriate for a first year class in a faculty of arts and social sciences.

Required Texts:

World Religions: Eastern Traditions (Fourth Edition). Eds. Willard G. Oxtoby, Roy C. Amore and Amir Hussain. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2014. ISBN 978-0-19-900281-8 the text is available through the Carleton University bookstore. A series of readings will also be made available through the library’s online system of reserve readings (ARES)

Course Requirements and Evaluation:

1. In class test on Hinduism (20%) September 24

2. In class test on Buddhism (20%) October 15

3. In class test on Jainism (20%) November 10

4. Final exam (40%) to be scheduled by Carleton and written during the Fall term final exam period.

Please note that all of the tests and the exam are primarily composed of written answers both short answers (a few paragraphs) and longer answers (essays).
**General Notes on Evaluation:**

1. 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.
2. Missed quizzes, tests 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.
3. While attendance will not be taken in the course, student attendance at lectures and student success on tests and exams are closely linked. You are far more likely to pass this course if you attend all the lectures and do all of the assigned readings.

**Class Reading and Lecture Schedule:**

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<td>Week One</td>
<td>(Sept. 3)</td>
<td>Course Introduction and the Indus Valley and Hinduism</td>
<td>1. From <em>World Religions: Eastern Traditions</em>, pgs. 28-32</td>
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<td>Week Two</td>
<td>(Sept. 8 &amp; 10)</td>
<td>Hinduism – The Vedas and the Upanishads (Jan. 13&amp;15)</td>
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<td>Week Three</td>
<td>(Sept. 15 &amp; 17)</td>
<td>Classical Hinduism, and bhakti (devotional) Hinduism</td>
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<td>2. Selections from the <em>Bhagavad Gita</em> (ARES)</td>
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<td>Week Four</td>
<td>(Sept. 22 &amp; 24)</td>
<td>Hindu worship and practice, modern Hinduism</td>
<td>1. From <em>World Religions: Eastern Traditions</em>, pgs. 66-96</td>
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Week Six (Oct. 6 & 8)
Topics: Buddhism – Basic Teachings (continued), Buddhism – Mahayana Buddhism
Readings: 1. From World Religions: Eastern Traditions, pgs. 217-222

Week Seven (Oct. 13 & 15) October 15, second in class test (Buddhism)
Topics: Buddhist worship and practice, modern Buddhism

Week Eight (Oct. 20 & 22)
Topics: Jainism – Jinas and Mahavira (March 5) and Basic Teachings
Readings: 1. From World Religions: Eastern Traditions, pgs. 148-162
2. “The Kalpa Sutra, The Life of Mahavira” (web-link posted to CUlearn)

Week Nine (Oct. 27 & 29) Fall Break no classes

Week Ten (Nov. 3 & 5)
Topics: Jainism – Basic Teachings continued; Digambara and Svetambara Jainism; monastics (monks and nuns) and lay people (men and women)
Readings: 1. From World Religions: Eastern Traditions, pgs. 162-178

Week Eleven (Nov. 10 & 12) November 10, third in class test (Jainism)
Topics: Sikhism – Guru Nanak, the gurus and Basic teachings
Readings: 1. From World Religions: Eastern Traditions, pgs. 106-117

Week Twelve (Nov. 17 & 19)
Topics: Sikhism – Guru Nanak, the gurus and Basic teachings continued
Readings: 1. From World Religions: Eastern Traditions, pgs. 117-126
Week Thirteen (Nov. 24 & 26)
Topics: Sikhism – Sikh worship, practice and sects
Readings: 1. From World Religions: Eastern Traditions, pgs. 126-132

Week Fourteen (Dec. 1 & 3)
Topics: Sikhism – the modern tradition, exam review
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:

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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. 7, 2015. The last day to withdraw from FALL/WINTER (Full Term) and WINTER term courses is APRIL 8, 2016.

REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION
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. 6, 2015 for the Fall term and March 6, 2016 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 a final assignment or take home, in courses without a final exam, 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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Religion Office 520-2100 2A39 Paterson
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