

The College of the Humanities
Religion Program: RELI 1716A
“East Asian Religion”

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Course Description

This course surveys religion in China, Japan, and Korea in a range of ancient traditions and contemporary movements including Ancestor Worship, Confucianism, Daoism, Shamanism, Zen Buddhism, Pure Land Buddhism, Christianity, Feminism, and New Religions.

Course Goals

Students will become familiar with historical and contemporary contexts of East Asian religion and interpret the meaning of religious texts within that context.

Course Assessment

a) Group Presentations in Lecture 15%

Participate in a group of 4 or 5 students to present your collective interpretation of a selected passage from the day’s assigned reading. Selected passages, presentation structure, and group sign-up will be posted in CULearn.

b) Unit 1 Test 15%

Answer multiple choice questions about Chinese history and analyze passages from Confucius’ *Analects* and Zhuangzi’s *Basic Writings*. The test will be held in the regular lecture hall and hours.

c) Unit 2 Paper 40%

Respond to a question posted by the instructor on CULearn with reference to Dōgen’s *Bendōwa* and Shinran’s *Tannishō* in a 1000 word essay. Papers are to be submitted electronically with CULearn.

d) Final Exam 30%

Answer multiple choice questions and analyze passages from materials in Units 3 and 4.

Required Reading

On sale at Haven Books at 43 Seneca St Ottawa, ON K1S 4X2, T: (613) 730-9888

Confucius: The Essential Analects. Tr. Edward Slingerland. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2006.

Zhuangzi: Basic Writings. Tr. Burton Watson. New York: Columbia UP, 1964.

All other required readings (see schedule below) are available for download *via* CULearn.

Recommended Reading

Margot Northey, *Making Sense: A Student's Guide to Research and Writing: Religious Studies*. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2011. This text is ON RESERVE at the library.

Schedule

UNIT 1 CHINA	Sept 5	Ancient Chinese History/Myth -John E. Wills, Jr., Ch. 1 "Yu," <i>Mountain of Fame: Portraits in Chinese History</i> . Princeton: Princeton UP, 1994.3-10
	Sept 10	Ancient Chinese Religious Practices -Julia Ching "Sacrifice and Kingship: Eclipse of Ancient Religion," <i>Chinese Religions</i> . New York: Orbis Books 1993. pp. 33-50
	Sept 12 & 17	Confucianism -Confucius, <i>The Essential Analects: selected passages with traditional commentary</i> ; trans. Edward Slingerland. Indianapolis/Cambridge: Hackett Publishing, 2006.
	Sept 19 & 24	Daoism -Zhuangzi, <i>Basic Writings</i> ; trans. Burton Watson. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003.
	Sept 26	Unit 1 Test
	<i>Sept 30</i>	<i>(Last day to withdraw without financial penalty)</i>
UNIT 2 JAPAN	Oct 1	Early Japanese History/Myth -Gary L. Ebersole, "The Mythology of Death and the Niiname-sai," <i>Ritual Poetry and the Politics of Death in Early Japan</i> . Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1989. 79-101.
	Oct 3	Introduction to Buddhism -Charles S. Prebish, Damien Keown. "The Dharma," <i>Introducing Buddhism</i> , 2nd ed. London & New York: Routledge, 2006, pp. 42-58.
	Oct 8	Workshop 1 Discussion and practice of paper writing skills in preparation for the Unit 2 Paper. *Note: Students with last names A-K meet as usual in Tory Building 360 and students with last names L-Z meet in Southam Hall 517 (TBC).
	Oct 10	Buddhist Japan -Yoshiro Tamura, "The Birth of the Japanese Nation and the Ascent of Buddhism," <i>Japanese Buddhism: A Cultural History</i> , 2000, pp. 23-33
	Oct 15 & 17	Zen Buddhism -Dōgen Zenji, "Bendōwa (Negotiating the Way)" in <i>The Heart of Dōgen's Shōbōgenzō</i> ; trans. Norman Waddell and Masao Abe. New York: State University of New York Press, 2002, pp. 7-14.
	Oct 22 & 24	Pure Land Buddhism -Shinran Shōnin, "Tannishō: Lamenting the Deviations," <i>The Collected Works of Shinran Vol.I: The Writings</i> ; tr. Dennis Hirota. Kyoto: Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, 1997, pp. 661-666.
	<i>Oct 28-Nov 1</i>	<i>(Fall Semester Break)</i>

	Nov 5	Workshop 2 Peer editing and discussion of Unit 2 Paper <i>*Note:</i> Students with last names A-K meet as usual in Tory Building 360 and students with last names L-Z meet in Southam Hall 517 (TBC).
UNIT 3 KOREA	Nov 7	Confucianism and Shamanism in Chosŏn Korea -Walraven, Boudewijn. "Popular Religion in a Confucianized Society." <i>Culture and the State in Late Chosŏn Korea</i> ; eds. JaHyun Kim Haboush, and Martina Deuchler. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999, pp. 160-171, 181-188.
	Nov 8	Unit 2 Paper Due by 5:00 p.m. via CULearn
	Nov 12	Christianity in Korea -James Huntley Grayson, "A Quarter Millennium of Christianity in Korea," <i>Christianity in Korea</i> ; eds. Robert E. Buswell, Jr. and Timothy S. Lee. Honolulu: Univ. of Hawai'i Press, 2006. 7-25
	Nov 14	Christianity and Ancestor Worship -Yun Sung-Bum "Korean Christianity and Ancestor Worship" <i>Korea Journal</i> 13/2, February 1973, pp. 17-21.
	Nov 19	Feminism in Korea -Jin Y. Park "Gendered Response to Modernity: Kim Iryŏp and Buddhism" in <i>Makers of Modern Korean Buddhism</i> . Albany, N.Y.: SUNY Press. 2010, pp. 109-128
	Nov 21	Feminism and Buddhism -Kim Iryop, "On the New Year's Day of the 25 th Year after Joining the Monastery"; unpublished translation by Jin Y. Park.
	Nov 26	Workshop 3 Exam preparation for Unit 3 (Korean Christianity/Buddhism) <i>*Note:</i> Students with last names A-K meet as usual in Tory Building 360 and students with last names L-Z meet in Southam Hall 517 (TBC).
UNIT 4 NRMs	Nov 28	New Religious Movements in China -Ownby, David. "The Falun Gong: A New Religious Movement in Post-Mao China" in <i>Controversial new religions</i> ; eds. Lewis, James R., and Jesper Aagaard Petersen. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. pp. 195-214.
	Dec 3	New Religious Movements in Japan -Ben-Ami Shillony "The Princess of the Dragon Palace. A New Shinto Sect is Born" in <i>Monumenta Nipponica</i> Vol. 39, No. 2 (Summer, 1984), pp. 177-182.
	Dec 5	New Religious Movements in Korea -George D. Chryssides, "The Blessing," <i>The Advent of Sun Myung Moon</i> . London: Macmillan, 1991, pp. 131-148.
	TBA	Final Exam

Instructor's Policies

- (1) **Attendance.** Students are advised to attend all lectures and workshops, since doing so will contribute to success in this course, but attendance is the responsibility of the student and will not be monitored.
- (2) **Lateness.** The final grade of late papers will be reduced at a rate of one grade point (e.g. A to A-, A- to B+, and so on) per 24-hour period, beginning at midnight of the due date. If there are extraordinary circumstances which a student expects may have an impact on timely submission, then the instructor must be informed at least 48 hours before the due date in order for any extension of the deadline to be considered. In the case of sudden illness or the loss of a loved one, proof by documentation is required.
- (3) **Appeals.** If a student judges any of his or her marks to be unfair, then appeals must be made within two weeks after the distribution of the mark and (unless it is regarding a simple mistake in calculation) the appeal must include a paragraph written by the student to explain why a better mark is justified.
- (4) **E-mail.** The instructor will respond to e-mails within 24 hours, but not in the period between 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday.

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. 9, 2013**. The last day to withdraw from **FALL/WINTER (Full Term)** and **WINTER** term courses is **APRIL 8, 2014**.

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. 8, 2013** for the Fall term and **March 7, 2014** 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	4 th Floor Library
Learning Support Service 520-2600 Ext 1125	4 th Floor Library