

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF THE HUMANITIES**  
**RELIGION PROGRAM: RELI 2410A WINTER 2010**  
**INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM**

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**Office Hours: TBA**

**Lectures: Tues/Thurs 2:35-3:55pm**

**Location: Room 517 Southam Hall**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides a general overview of the historical origins and development of Buddhist doctrine and practice. Through lectures and audio-visual materials students will be introduced to Buddhist beliefs, rituals, methods of meditation, symbolism and Buddhist visual culture. The implications of the geographical expansion of Buddhism throughout Asia and into the west will also be a component of this introduction.

**COURSE AIMS/LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Knowledge of the Buddha and his life and teachings in their historical context.
2. Familiarity with the main phases and developments in Buddhist doctrine and practice, and an understanding of the differences between the major schools.
3. Awareness of the history of Buddhism and the main social, cultural, and intellectual developments.
4. An appreciation of the geographical spread of Buddhism and how Buddhist ideas influenced, and were influenced by, the cultures it encountered.

**SPECIAL PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES**

The course is taught through the medium of an online textbook which links directly to carefully selected sites on the internet, thereby enhancing the learning experience by providing access to a range of multimedia resources.

**REQUIRED TEXT**

1. *Buddhism—The eBook*, Third Edition. Charles S. Prebish and Damien Keown, 2006.
2. *Introduction to Buddhism* RELI 2410 Course Manual – Tulloch, 2010.  
Available at the Carleton bookstore.

**To access *Buddhism – The ebook, Third Edition*:**

Go to [www.jbeonlinebooks.org](http://www.jbeonlinebooks.org)

Click on the picture for *Buddhism—The eBook*

Click on 'orders and updates' under the picture

Ordering can be done either online by credit card for a direct electronic download or by postal service with a traditional cheque, in which case a CD will be mailed directly to you.

**Please Note:**

**In order for JBE Online Books ebooks to display properly you must use the version 7 or greater of the free Acrobat Reader program. Version 8 is currently available and the link is on the website.**

**The FAQ section has answers for most problems.**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION**

1. In-class exam (2 parts –)	Feb 9/11, 2009 -	30%
2. In-class exam (2 parts –)	March 18/23, 2009 -	30%
3. Final Exam (2.5 hours)	TBA -	40%

Both midterms and final exams will include a scantron-graded objective component, i.e. multiple choice and true or false questions as well as definitions and essay questions. The exam will be divided over two classes. Part 1 will be done in class on either the Tuesday or Thursday (scantron component and definitions) and part 2 (the essays) will take place on the subsequent day for the course. Students will be responsible for material covered in the course text, the manual, and the class lectures. Returned exams may be reviewed with the professor during office hours. Exam results will be posted on the WebCT.

**EMAIL COMMUNICATION**

- Carleton's Connect Mail is the official mode of email communication for all matters having to do with the university and with this course.
- All communications sent by Connect are official, and you are expected to read them.
- It is not an option to claim you did not receive some announcement or request because you have another email address. You can configure your connect account to forward university emails to another address, but you must be reachable through your connect account.

- Unless I am ill, your email will be responded to within 24 hours on weekdays and 48 hours during the weekend.
- I generally do not communicate with students by telephone as I do not have voicemail. If necessary, students may call the Religion Office between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday-Fridays at 613-520-2100 and leave a message for me with the administration.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

1. **There are no grade-raising exams or assignments for this course. If you miss the midterms due to illness or family crisis, in order to be allowed to write a make-up exam, you must provide a letter signed by your doctor or minister or counsellor stating the reason for missing the exam.**
2. **If you miss the final exam, you are required to apply for a deferral from the University (Registrar's Office).**

**COURSE CALENDAR**

The lectures generally follow the order of subjects presented in *Buddhism—The eBook*. Except for the first class, you are expected to read ahead in order to be prepared for the lecture. The Course Manual provides primary source readings which will be identified for you each week.

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Jan 5/7</b>	<b>Introduction: the Indian Background to Buddhist Thought</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Jan 12/14</b>	<b>Karma and Cosmology</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Jan 19/21</b>	<b>The Buddha</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Jan 26/28</b>	<b>The Dharma</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Feb 2/4</b>	<b>The Sangha</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Feb 9/11</b>	<b>In-class midterm, part 1 (scantron-graded component, i.e. multiple choice or true and false questions) plus definitions/ In class midterm, part 2: essays.[Midterm results will be posted on WebCT]</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Feb 15-19</b>	<b>Winter Break (classes suspended)</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Feb 23/25</b>	<b>Developments in India</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Mar 2/4</b>	<b>Basic Features of Mahāyāna Buddhism</b>

<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Mar 9/11</b>	<b>Compassion and Wisdom</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Mar 16/18</b>	<b>Meditation/ March 18: In class midterm, part 1 (scantron-graded component, i.e. multiple choice or true and false questions) plus definitions.</b>
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Mar 23/25</b>	<b>March 23: In-class midterm, part 2: essays.</b> [Midterm results will be posted on WebCT] <b>March 25: No class.</b>
<b>Week 13</b>	<b>Mar 30/Apr 1</b>	<b>Two Approaches: Zen and Tantra</b>
<b>Week 14</b>	<b>Apr 6</b>	<b>Buddhism in the West</b>

## 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 range from a mark of zero for the plagiarized work to a final grade of “F” for the course, and even suspension from all studies or expulsion from the University.

### GRADING SYSTEM

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

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

F	Failure. No academic credit
WDN	Withdrawn from the course
ABS	Absent from the final examination
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 November 16, 2009. The last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter (full year) and Winter term courses is March 12, 2010.

### REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** 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. For more details visit the Equity Services website: [http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student\\_guide.htm](http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student_guide.htm)

**Religious obligation:** 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. For more details visit the Equity Services website: [http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student\\_guide.htm](http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student_guide.htm)

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 are 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 I receive 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 the last official day to withdraw from classes in each term. For more details visit the PMC website: [http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/students/acad\\_accom.html](http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/students/acad_accom.html)

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation>

### PETITIONS TO DEFER

Students unable to complete a **final** term paper or write a **final** examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control or whose performance on an examination has been impaired by such circumstances may apply in writing within five working days to the Registrar's Office for permission to extend a term paper deadline or to write a deferred examination. The request must be fully and specifically supported by a medical certificate or other relevant documentation. Only deferral petitions submitted to the Registrar's Office will be considered.

### ADDRESSES: (Area Code 613)

College of the Humanities 520-2809	300 Paterson
Classics and 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	500 Unicentre
Writing Tutorial Service 520-6632	4 <sup>th</sup> floor Library
Learning Commons 520-1125	4 <sup>th</sup> floor Library