

University of Calgary
Faculty of Humanities
Department of Religious Studies
Fall 2006 Outline
Religious Studies 319 L01 - Vajrayana Buddhism

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Required Book:

Indian Esoteric Buddhism: A Social History of the Tantric Movement
by Ronald M. Davidson

Course Description:

This course is designed to be an introduction to the complex spiritual system known as Vajrayana Buddhism. By means of lectures, directed study, and discussion a comprehensive view of the topic will be presented.

Course Requirements:

There will be two tests and two book reviews due for this course. In addition, students will be required to make an oral presentation of one book review. The reading schedule, test dates, and review due dates will be handed out in class.

Test I	35 points
Test II	35 points – Registrar Scheduled Final Exam
Review I	10 points
Review II	20 points

Reviews: I: Using reviews in *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* as your model, write a review of your course book.

II: Select and get approval from the professor for one book on Vajrayana and write a review using the same format as Review I.

There will be a **Registrar scheduled final exam** (Test II).

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Once registered, please discuss any upcoming tests/examinations with the instructor **two weeks** before the scheduled date.

Gnosis:

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

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Class Schedule:

[Note: every Thursday will have lecture and discussion of the class book.]

Sept. 12	Lectures begin/ Readings: pp. 15-25
Sept. 19	Readings: pp. 26-74
Sept. 26	Readings pp. 75-111, & 153 – 166
Oct. 2	Readings pp. 194-202, 206-218, 224-236.
Oct. 10	Readings: pp. 236-269
Oct. 16	Readings: pp. 269-293
Oct. 23	Readings: pp. 293- 336
Oct. 30	Readings: pp. 336-340
Nov. 2	Test I *****
Nov. 9	First review due *****
Nov. 30	Second Review due *****

There will be a Registrar's scheduled final exam (test II).