

**RELS 329 L01**  
**Buddhism in East Asia**  
**Course Outline**  
**Fall 2007**  
**T/R 2:00 – 3:15**

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**Required Reading:**

*The Essentials of Buddhist Philosophy* by J. Takakusu

**Course Description:**

This course will explore East Asian Buddhism. The history, doctrine, and culture of East Asian Buddhism as well as its interaction with other traditions in China and Japan will be presented. This course will provide the student with an in-depth understanding of the basic issues in East Asian Buddhism and a general understanding of their development in a seminar-like structured class.

**Core Competencies:**

Students will be exposed to philosophical, historic, and cultural elements found in East Asian Buddhism. Modern methods of research will be demonstrated. Facts, authorities, and movements will be studied. Studies will be instructed in proper presentation of their findings in both the oral and written forms.

**Course Requirements:**

There will be one test, one research paper, and an oral presentation used in the evaluation of student's work.

A research paper (10-12 pages of text, typed, double spaced, notes and bibliography) is required for this course. Research topics are open with the confines of the course description above, but must be approved by the professor. Only hard copy papers will be accepted. Computer problems of any kind are unacceptable excuses for late papers.

Test	40 points	Nov. 15
Paper	50 points	Dec. 6, 4:30 PM (in my office or Dept.)
Presentation	10 points	as assigned

Students wanting their papers returned should provide a self addressed stamped envelope (large enough to hold the paper). Dates of the oral presentations will be determined early in the term and announced.

- \* Students must take the test on the assigned day or have a valid medical note.
- \* Late papers will lose 10 points per day.

**There is no Registrar scheduled final examination.**