

**The University of Calgary
Faculty of Humanities
Department of Religious Studies
Fall 2005 Course Outline**

05/08/16

**Rels 359 L01
East Asian Religious Traditions**

Instructor: Dr. A.W. Barber
Office: EDT 234
Class Time: T/R 14:00-15:15

Office Hours: by appt.
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Required Reading:

Handouts are available in the Mac Hall Photo Copy Ctr.

Course Description:

This course is designed to examine Taoism, and its relations with Confucianism and Chinese Spiritual Culture in general. The history, doctrine, rituals, and cultural aspects of Taoism as well as the interactions between the three traditions will be presented. This course will provide the student with an in-depth understanding of development of Taoism within Chinese culture through lectures, films, slides, readings and other sources in a seminar-like structured class.

Core Competencies:

Students will be exposed to cultural, philosophical and historic elements found within the Taoist tradition. Modern research methods will be demonstrated. Facts, authorities, and movements will be studied. Students will be instructed on proper presentations of their findings in both 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 within 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.

Nov. 15	Test	30 points
Dec. 8 (due by 4:30 pm)	Paper	45 points
As assigned	Presentation	25 points

Dates of oral presentations will be determined early in the term and announced. **There will be no Registrar scheduled final examination.**

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.

Withdrawing from courses:

Please note the information regarding withdrawals and fee refunds in the Academic Schedule of the current University Calendar.

Recording of lectures:

Recording any part of any lectures in any form must be first approved by the instructor in writing and is for individual private study only. See current Calendar, Tape recording of Lectures.

Safewalk Programme:

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