

University of Calgary
Faculty of Humanities
Department of Religious Studies

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Rels 453 L01

Advanced Studies in Indian Buddhism
TR 14:00- 15:15
Course Outline Winter 2008

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Required Text:

A Treasury of Mahayana Sutras. (Ed.) Garma C.C. Chang

Course Description:

This course is focused on the Mahayana developments in India, with emphasis on conceptual aspects of the doctrine based on the sutra literature. It will be conducted in a seminar like manner. Instead of meeting each assigned class day, a schedule of no less than 12 full class meetings and 12 consultations will be organized in the first week. All students must attend the in class organizational meetings in the first week of classes.

Core Competencies:

Students will become aware of key concepts and cultural factors in the development of Indian Mahayana. They will gain knowledge of key issues, methodological considerations, and resources in the understanding of important implications for the field.

Course Requirements:

Students will be responsible for four group projects. This will include research, class debate, short paper, and list of resources. Each project will be worth 25 points, the total assigned score to be equally given to each team member. There will be a total of 100 possible points throughout the course.

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.

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