



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 335 Lec 01 – “Asian Philosophy”

Fall Term 2010

Course Outline

Lectures: TR 1230-1:45 in SA 145

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE

This course will provide an introduction to Asian thought including thought emerging out of Hindu, Buddhist and Chinese philosophies. We will explore how modes of thinking in the “East” differ from traditional Western approaches. Examples of topics to be included are dharma, karma, dependent co-arising, suffering, nothingness, the Dao, and ethics.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *The Bhagavad-Gita: Krishna's Council in Time of War*. Translated Barbara S. Miller. Bantam Books, 1991 (Paperback).
- *Upanishads*. Translated Patrick Olivelle. Oxford University Press, 2008 (Paperback)
- *The Analects of Confucius: a Philosophical Translation*. Translated Roger Ames and Henry Rosemont, Ballantine Books, 1999 (Paperback)
- *The Daodejing: a Philosophical Translation*. Translated Roger Ames. Ballantine Books, 2003. (Paperback).
- *The Zen Teachings of Master Lin-Chi*. Translated Burton Watson. Columbia University Press. 1999 (Paperback).
- Additional readings will be made available via Blackboard.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Mid-term Exam	Thursday October 28	40%*
Paper (8-10 pages)	Due in class Thursday, November 18	50%
Final in-class exam	Thursday December 2	10%*

The in-class exams **MUST** be written on the date specified. Make-up tests will only be granted under *exceptional* circumstances and must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Paper topics will be distributed in class.

*You may choose to count the exam for which you receive the highest grade for 40% and the other midterm for 10%. In other words, if your grade for the final in-class exam is higher than that of the mid-term, you may count that for 40%. *There is no Registrar-scheduled final exam in this course.*

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments are designed to assist student in improving their writing, analytical and critical thinking skills. All papers must be submitted to the instructor at the **BEGINNING of the class** of the day indicated.

Late papers will be marked down at a rate of 3% per day. Extensions will only be granted under *exceptional* circumstances and must be accompanied by proper documentation (i.e., medical certificate, etc.). Computer breakdown is not a valid reason for an extension. *Students are expected to make back-up copies of all their assignments.*

GRADING SCHEME

Grades will be assigned based on the following table:

A+ 95-100	B+ 77-79	C+ 67-69	D+ 55-59
A 85-94	B 74-76	C 64-66	D 50-54
A- 80-84	B- 70-73	C- 60-63	F 0-49

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

(The schedule may change depending on the nature of class discussion.)

September 14

Introduction

HINDU PHILOSOPHY

September 16-23

Upanishads

Readings: Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upanishad Chapters 1-4; Chandogya Upanishad Chapter 6, 8 (sect. 7-15)

September 28-October 5

Bhagavad Gītā,

Readings: *Bhagavad Gita* Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13-15

BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

October 7-12

Theravada Buddhism: Doctrine of Suffering

Readings: *Dhammacakkappavattana Nikaya* in *Samyutta Nikaya* (on blackboard)

Anatman: (non-self)

Readings: *Samyutta Nikaya* 22:59 (on blackboard); *Questions of King Milanda II 1.1* (on blackboard)

Dependent co-arising (on blackboard)

Readings: *Maha-nidana Sutta* (DN 15) (Blackboard)

October 14-19

Mahayana Buddhism

Readings: *Nagarjuna: Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way*, Chapters 1, 2, 24-25 (on blackboard)

CHINESE PHILOSOPHY

October 21-November 4

Confucianism

Readings: *Confucius: Analects* 1, 2, 4, 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20

November 9-November 18

Daoism

Readings: *Daoism : Daodejing*

November 23-December 9

Chan (Zen) Buddhism

Readings: *Hui-neng: Excerpts from Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch* (on Blackboard); *The Zen Teachings of Master Lin-chi* (Chapters 48, 1, 3, 12, 13, 19)

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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