



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 335 Lecture 1: Asian Philosophy

Winter Term 2013

Course Outline

Lectures: TR 12:30-1:45 in MS 217

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Course Description

This course will provide an introduction to Asian philosophy 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, ritual, the sage and ethics.

Required Texts

The Bhagavad-Gita: Krishna's Council in Time of War. Trans. Barbara S. Miller (Bantam Books, 1991, paperback).

Upanishads. Trans. Patrick Olivelle (Oxford University Press, 2008, paperback).

The Analects of Confucius: A Philosophical Translation. Trans. Roger Ames and Henry Rosemont (Ballantine Books, 1999, paperback).

The Daodejing: A Philosophical Translation. Trans. Roger Ames (Ballantine Books, 2003, paperback).

The Zen Teachings of Master Lin-Chi. Trans. Burton Watson (Columbia University Press, 1999, paperback).

Additional readings will be made available via blackboard.

Evaluation

Mid-term Exam:	In class Thursday, February 27	40%*
Paper:	Due Tuesday April 8,	50%
Final Exam:	In class Thursday April 3	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. If you miss classes, you are responsible for borrowing notes from another student, if s/he is willing to lend them out. I do not provide such notes.

***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% and the earlier exam for 10%.**

Assignments are designed to assist student in improving their writing, analytical and critical thinking skills.

There will **NOT** be a Registrar-scheduled final exam for this course.

Classroom Etiquette

No use of electronic equipment will be permitted in the classroom. This includes laptops, cell phones, smartphones, ipads and ipods. If you have a medical condition or disability which necessitates the use of a computer, you need to have a letter of support from Student Accessibility Services. There are no exceptions, so please come to class with a pen/pencil and paper.

Grading Method

Grades will be assigned based on the following table:

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

Policy on Late Assignments

All papers must be submitted **to the instructor at the BEGINNING of the class on 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.). Having other papers due at the same time will not be accepted as grounds for extension so it is up to you to organize your time. I also do not appreciate having my email inbox flooded with all sorts of fantastic excuses for late assignments. Computer breakdown is not a valid reason for an extension. *Students are expected to make back-up copies of all their assignments.*

Please note: If you are handing in an assignment late, it must be submitted in the Department of Religious Studies. I do not have a mailbox in the Department of Philosophy.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

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

Introduction - January 9

Hindu Philosophy

Upanishads Jan 14-21

Readings: Brhadāranyaka Upanishad Chapters 1-4 Chandogya Upanishad Chapter 8 (sect. 7-15)/

Bhagavad Gītā, January 23-30

Readings: *Bhagavad Gita* Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13-15 January 23-30

Buddhist Philosophy

Theravada Buddhism: February 4-6

Doctrine of Suffering: Readings: *Dhammacakkappavattana Nikaya* in *Samyutta Nikaya* (on blackboard)

Anatman: (non-self) Readings: *Samyutta Nikaya* 22:59 (on blackboard)

Questions of King Milinda II 1.1 (on blackboard)

Dependent co-arising (on blackboard) Readings: *Maha-nidana Sutta* (DN 15) (blackboard)

Mahayana Buddhism February 11-25

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

Chinese Philosophy

Confucianism March 4- 11

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

Daoism March 13-20

Readings: *Daoism : Daodejing* -

Chan (Zen) Buddhism March 25-April 1

Readings: *Hui-neng: Excerpts from Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch* (on Blackboard)

Readings: *The Zen Teachings of Master Lin-chi* (Chapters 48, 1,3, 12, 13, 19)

April 8-10 Movie with Asian philosophical themes

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email access@ucalgary.ca. Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for 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. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

Blackboard Help

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/online services/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQs about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>.

Student Advising and Information Resources

- **General Academic Concerns and Program Planning**— Have a question but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts' Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the PIC Office can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. You can visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undersgraduate> for detailed information on common academic concerns.
- **Advice on Philosophy Courses** - You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy's website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy's current Undergraduate Advisors (see below)
- **Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers** – If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the instructor of the course.

Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representatives

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial, and confidential support for students who require assistance or advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds. For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Safewalk

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