



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 335 Lec 1
Asian Philosophy

Winter Term 2017
Course Outline

Lectures: TR 12:30-1:45 PF 120

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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.

Prerequisites:

None

Course Learning Outcomes

“Outcomes” for this course cannot be guaranteed and depend upon student effort which includes keeping up with and reflecting upon the readings, developing writing skills and regular class attendance (not just in body but also in mind).

Students will gain knowledge of Asian philosophical traditions.

Students should be able to write clear, coherent, grammatically-correct papers and exams which analyze primary philosophical texts.

This course is reading intensive and seeks to develop skills of both interpretation and analysis.

Listening and note-taking skills are essential for doing well in the course. We will be analyzing difficult texts in class with opportunity for student participation, which helps to hone these skills. If you are the kind of student who rarely attends lectures, this is probably not the course for you.

Required/Recommended Texts (including electronic resources):

- *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).

D2L required readings:

- Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta: Setting the Wheel of Dhamma in Motion
- Anatta-lakkhana Sutta: The Discourse on the Not-self Characteristic
- Questions of King Milinda
- Maha-nidana Sutta: The Great Causes Discourse
- Nagarjuna: Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way
- *Hui-neng: Excerpts from Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch*

Course Assessment

Mid-term Exam:	In class Thursday, March 2	40%*
Paper:	Due in class Thursday April 6	50%
Final Exam:	In class Tuesday April 11	10%*

All course requirements must be completed to pass the course. You cannot opt-out of the final exam.

Grading Scale:

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

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 (doctor's note, bereavement notice, police report etc). In the case of a missed exam, students must contact the instructor no later than 24 hours after the missed exam. All make-up exams will be held during the last week of classes and will be completely different from the original exam.

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 midterm, 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. No computers are allowed during tests.

Late assignments will be marked down at a rate of 3 % a day. Extensions will only be granted under exceptional circumstances and must be accompanied by proper documentation (i.e. medical certificate, etc. WARNING: I am very firm on due dates and do not appreciate having my email flooded with all sorts of elaborate stories during the time period when assignments are due. Computer breakdown and having other assignments due on the same day are not valid reasons for extensions. It is your responsibility to start essays early. *Students are expected to make back-up copies of their work and submit hard copies.*

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

Electronic Device Policies: Talking in class, texting, and surfing the internet are disrespectful towards the instructor and other students. You will be asked to leave the class if you repeatedly engage in such behavior. Do not expect help outside of class, either via email or in office hours if you do not pay attention in class. You may use electronic equipment for taking notes only. Use of cell phones is not permitted.

Plagiarism: You are required to read the guidelines on avoiding plagiarism that I have posted on d2l before completing the essay assignment.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Honesty

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, 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

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

General Academic Concerns and Program Planning

Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email ascarts@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> 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 Undergraduate Advisors. Jeremy Fantl (jfantl@ucalgary.ca), Reid Buchanan (buchanan@ucalgary.ca), Megan Delehanty (mdelehan@ucalgary.ca).

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 Department Manager, Merlette Schnell (schnell@ucalgary.ca). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

Writing

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15-minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc.

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 or teaching assistant.

Internet and Electronic Communication Devices

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

Emergency Evacuation:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints> . Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Other Helpful Contacts

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca , arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca .
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>