



**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
Department of Philosophy

**PHIL 335**  
**Asian Philosophy**  
**Winter Term 2019**

**Course Outline**

**Lectures: TR 9:30-10:45 ST 130**

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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 Tuesday March 5 40%\*
- Paper: Due in class Thursday March 28, 50%
- Final Exam: In class Thursday April 4 10%\*

All course requirements must be completed to pass the course. You cannot opt-out of the final exam. You may count the exam for which you received the highest grade for 40% and the other for 10%.

**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. 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.

**Academic Honesty**

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which will be an F on the assignment or an F in the course, and possibly a disciplinary sanction such as probation, suspension, or expulsion. See the relevant section K.5 on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>.

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**

The student accommodation policy can be found at: [ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy](http://ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy).

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

## **D2L Help**

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it> 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](mailto: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/advising> 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. David Dick – Undergraduate Program Director ([dgdick@ucalgary.ca](mailto:dgdick@ucalgary.ca)), Megan Delehanty – Honors Advisor ([mdelehan@ucalgary.ca](mailto:mdelehan@ucalgary.ca)) or Allen Habib ([anhabib@ucalgary.ca](mailto:anhabib@ucalgary.ca)).

## **Registration Overload/Prerequisite Waivers**

If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prerequisites for a course, email the Philosophy Department Undergraduate Program Administrator (UPA), Rebecca Lesser ([rebecca.lesser@ucalgary.ca](mailto:rebecca.lesser@ucalgary.ca)). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

## **Writing**

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](http://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](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca) , [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca)
- Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>