

## SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

### Course Code, Number, and Title:

ASIA 1120: Religions of the East

### Course Format:

[Course format may vary by instructor. The typical course format would be:]

Lecture 3 h + Seminar 1 h + Lab 0 h

**Credits:** 3

**Transfer credit:** For information, visit [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)

### Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

An introduction to the study of the origins, ideas, practices, and evolution of Hinduism, Buddhism (including Zen), Daoism, Confucianism, and Shinto.

Students will receive credit for only one of ASIA 1120 and RELS 1120.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

### Learning Outcomes:

- Identify and explain the historical stages in the development of Asian religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism, and Shinto).
- Identify and explain the basic ideas and practices of followers of Asian religions.
- Analyze these Asian religions from thematic perspectives such as religious experience, religious text and religious practices.

**Instructor(s):** TBA

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**Office Hours:** TBA

## **Textbook and Course Materials:**

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

Oxtoby & Amore. "World Religions: Eastern Traditions". Toronto. 2014.

*Note: This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.*

## **Assessments and Weighting:**

**Final Exam** 30%

**Other Assessments %**

**(An example of other assessments might be:) %**

Quizzes/Tests: 60%

Participation: 10%

Proportion of individual and group work:

Individual: 100%

**Grading System:** Letter grade

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

Passing grade: D

## **Topics Covered:**

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

### **INTRODUCTION & HINDUISM**

Week 1: "Religions of the East"; Religions in India, Rgveda: the sacrificial life

Week 2: Rgveda; Upanisads: karma, reincarnation, self

Week 3: Upanisads; Puranas: Visnu, Siva, Devi

Week 4: Puranas: The orthodox Hindu life, REVIEW

### **BUDDHISM**

Week 5: Buddhism and Buddha

Week 6: Basic Buddhist ideas; Mahayana philosophy

Week 7: Mahayana religion; REVIEW

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## RELIGIONS IN CHINA & JAPAN

Week 8: Religions in China; Confucianism

Week 9-10: Daoism: Laozi and Zhuangzi

Week 10-11: Shinto belief and practice

Week 12: REVIEW

Week 13: COURSE REVIEW Themes in the Study of Asian Religions

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

### **College Policies:**

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

### **Departmental/Course Policies:**

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