

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code, Number, and Title:

ASIA 2250: Buddhism

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

Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

A survey of the history of Buddhism from its founding to modern times. Included are traditions of South, Southeast and East Asia, as well as current issues such as Buddhism in the West, Buddhism and politics, and the Buddhist dialogue with Christianity. This course is equivalent to RELS 1210 Buddhism.

Students who have taken RELS 1210 cannot take ASIA 2250 for further credit.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Learning Outcomes:

- Analyse and place in historical perspective the basic concepts underlying Buddhism
- Apply and relate the basic principles of Buddhism to Buddhist practices of specific schools and groups in diverse regions
- Evaluate the relation of the basic principles of Buddhism to historical, political, and social contexts
- Assess and explain the place and contribution of Buddhism in contemporary world culture as well as Canadian multicultural society

Instructor(s): TBA

Office: TBA **Phone:** 604 323 XXXX **Email:** TBA

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:]

Robinson, R.H. "Buddhist Religions: A Historical Introduction". California. 2004. Chapter 12.

Optional: Embree, Ainslee T. "Sources of Indian Tradition, vol 1". New York. 1988.

Optional: de Bary, Wm. Theodore, et al. "Sources of Chinese Tradition". New York. 1960.

Optional: Strong, John S. "The experience of Buddhism: sources and interpretation". Belmont, CA. 2008.

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:) %

Midterm Exam: 30%

Project: 30%

Participation: 10%

Additional Information:

Number and type of writing assignments: One term project (library or field research, 30%)

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

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Topics Covered:

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

- Week 1 Introduction, Religion in ancient India
- Week 2 The life of the Buddha (story and ritual)
- Week 3 Basic Buddhist ideas
- Week 4 Buddhist worldviews
- Week 5 Mahayana philosophy: "emptiness", Mahayana philosophy: "mind-only"
- Week 6 Monks, nuns, & lay Buddhism, Buddhas and Buddha lands
- Week 7 Tantra
- Week 8 FIRST REVIEW, MIDTERM EXAM
- Week 9 Buddhism in Sri Lanka and SE Asia
- Week 10 The reception of Buddhism in China
- Week 11 The transmission of Buddhism to Japan, Popular Buddhism in Japan
- Week 12 Tibetan Buddhism
- Week 13 Buddhism in the West

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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