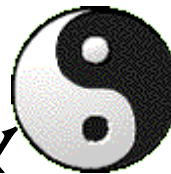




ASIAN PHILOSOPHY



PHILOSOPHY 260

The College of St. Rose

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Course Text: *The Pulse of Wisdom, The Philosophies of India, China and Japan*, 2nd ed., Michael C. Brannigan, Wadsworth/Thompson Learning, Belmont, CA, 2000

Course Objectives

This course will give a broad overview of Asian Philosophy, over a span of over 4,000 years, and over a range of countries including India, China, Tibet, Japan and other countries of South East Asia. We will examine major schools of thought in the Asian traditions, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism, and read selections from some of the major texts of Asian Philosophy. We will also examine some of the commentaries on those texts and traditions written by major thinkers within those traditions.

Students will gain an appreciation for several deeply rich and old cultures that are very different from the western one, with which most of you are more familiar, in many basic aspects of the world view. Students will also learn to recognize and become able to write about some of the key figures and ideas in Asian Philosophy.

Course Evaluation & Expectations

Evaluation will be based on **three exams**, one paper, and classwork. The **exams** will be worth 20% of your grade, each, and will test your knowledge of Indian Hinduism, Buddhism, and Chinese and Japanese Philosophy. The **paper** will be 5-8 pages and is due by the last class day before Thanksgiving. You may write on any theme in the readings that interests you. A **classwork** grade will be assigned for consistent diligent attendance with the day's readings read and questions for class discussion brought to class. For every class, each student should bring **one question** that arose from your

reading of the day's assignment, for discussion in class. So each student will be responsible for some piece of each day's class discussion. If you are often absent, haven't done the reading, or don't have a question ready, you will lose this 20% of your grade.

So, evaluation will be based on;

- 20% Indian Hinduism Exam
- 20% Buddhism Exam
- 20% Chinese & Japanese Philosophy Exam
- 20% Term Paper
- 20% Classwork & Daily Questions
- 100% of your grade

Grades will be assigned in accordance with the grading criteria in the St. Rose catalogue. Numerical equivalents for letter grades are as follows:

A = 93-100	C+ = 77-79
A- = 90-92	C = 70-76
B+ = 87-89	D = 62-69
B = 83-86	F = 61-below
B- = 80-82	

I expect students to be mature, responsible adults who accept responsibility for their own behavior and their own education. Plagiarism in any form will be punished with failure for the course. The College of Saint Rose policy on academic honesty is available at http://www.strose.edu/academics/academic_integrity. Childish behavior, such as walking in and out of the classroom, or carrying on private conversations during class are unwelcome and will not be tolerated. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be off during class, unless they are being used for class-related activities. Make-up work for missed exams will only be available for serious reasons, such as death, plague, famine, and war, and it will be the beleaguered students' responsibility to arrange to complete the work that everyone else has done on schedule.

If you are a student with a documented disability and require academic accommodations please register with Lynn Cantwell, the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities, located in the Academic Support Center on the 2nd floor of St. Joseph Hall (campus extension 2335 or 337-2335, off campus) for disability verification and for determination of recommended reasonable academic accommodations. After you have made arrangements with that office, please see me to discuss your accommodations. Please remember that timely notice will help avoid a delay in your receipt of accommodations

Course Calendar

Date	Topic	Assigned Reading
T Jan 15	Introductions, movie on the origins of Hindu Civilization and Religion.	

- Th Jan 17 Broad Overview of Hinduism 1, Brannigan,
p. 2-14 History
p. 57-65 perspectives on reality
p. 130-135 Orthodox Schools
- T Jan 22 Overview of Hinduism 2 p. 249-254 Ethics
p. 322-327 Upanishads and death
- Th Jan 24 The Vedas Brannigan
p. 129-130 *Tat tvam asi*
p. 95, *Nasadiya Hymn*
p. 154-156 *Chandogya Upanishad*
p. 352-355 *Katha Upanishad*
- T Jan 29 The *Bhagavad Gita* Brannigan
p. 59-60 *Bhagavad Gita* on reality
p. 254-266 *Bhagavad Gita* and dharma
p. 281-286 & handout from the *Gita* and Vedanta
- Th Jan 31 Shankara, Advaita Vedanta Brannigan
p. 96-99 Sankara: *Commentary on the Vedanta Sutras*
p. 325-327 Advaita Vedanta
- T Feb 5 Nayaya & Vaisesika Brannigan
p. 189-194 Nyaya on Knowledge
p. 221 *Nyayasutra* by Vatsyayana
p. 222-223 *A Discourse on Absence*
Tattvacintamani
- Th Feb 7 p. 224-225 *A Discourse on the Significance of Negative Particles* by Nan-vada
p. 230-233 *Nayaya-Bindu*, by Dharmottara
- T Feb 12 Samkhya-Yoga Brannigan
p.157-160 From the *Samkhya Karika* Ishvarakrishna
p. 161-164 Commentary on Patanjali's *Yoga Sutra*
- Th Feb 14 handout: Patanjali's *Yoga Sutra*
Brannigan p. 194-195 Restraining *Citta* &
p. 129-134 Samkhya Yoga on the self
- T Feb 18 Modern Hinduism Brannigan
p. 165-167 Sri Aurobindo *The Eternal and the Individual*
p. 226-229 Radhakrishnan *Ways of Knowing*

- Th Feb 20 Brannigan p. 287 Gandhi *The Spirit of Non-Violence*
- T Feb 25 **REVIEW**
- Th Feb 27 **HINDUISM EXAM**
- T Mar 5- Th Mar 7 **SPRING BREAK, ENJOY!**
- T Mar 12 The Buddha Brannigan
 p. 14-23 History
 p. 65-68 Perspectives on Reality
 p. 135-137 Perspectives on the self
 p. 198-199 Epistemology
 p. 257-262 Ethics
- Th Mar 13 The Buddha Brannigan
 p. 328-332 Death
 p. 168 *No Self*
 p. 288-289 *The Fire Sermon*
 p. 290-291 *The Eight-Fold Path*
 p. 292-297 *The Dhammapada*
 p. 356-359 Unedifying Questions
 p. 360-361 No personal Identity
- T Mar 19 **ADVISEMENT DAY, NO CLASS**
- Th Mar 21 Indian Buddhism: Madhyamika Brannigan
 p. 68-70 Reality
 p. 137-138 Self
 p. 199-200 Epistemology
 p. 332-333 Nagarjuna on Death
 p. 100-101 and 172-173 from *Madhyamika Karika*
- T Mar 26 Yogacara Brannigan
 p. 138-139 Vasubandhu
 p. 200-202 Yogacara, Dignaga and Dharmakirti
 p.174-175 *Trimsika Karika*, Vasubandhu
- Th Mar 28 Chan Buddhism Brannigan
 p. 31-34 History
 p. 76-79 Reality
 p. 144 Self
 p. 208-209 No Mind
 p. 267 Fa Tsang on *sunyata*.

		<p>p. 336-341 Seng Chao, Chan and the Oxhearding Pictures.</p> <p>p. 108-110 Chao Lun <i>On Sunyata</i></p> <p>p. 366-369 Chao Lun <i>On Time</i></p> <p>p. 180-182 <i>Consciousness Only</i></p>
Th Ap 2	Zen Buddhism	<p>Brannigan</p> <p>p. 82-85 Japanese Buddhism on reality</p> <p>p.146-147 Zen and Dogen</p> <p>p. 210-213 Tendai Zen and Dogen</p> <p>p. 270-271 Karma, Dogen, Shikan Taza</p> <p>p. 344-347 Zen and Dogen</p> <p>p. 242-243 Zen Mondo</p> <p>p. 244 Zen Koan</p> <p>p. 118-121 "<i>One Bright Jewel</i>" Dogen</p> <p>p. 183-185 <i>The issue at hand (Genjokoan)</i> Dogen</p> <p>p. 370- <i>Birth and Death (shoji)</i> Dogen</p>
Th Apr 4	Vajrayana Buddhism	<p>Brannigan</p> <p>p. 202-203 Esoteric Buddhism</p> <p>Dalai Lama Movie viewed in class</p>
T Ap 9	Kyoto School of Zen	<p>Brannigan</p> <p>p. 50-51 History</p> <p>p. 86-89 Reality</p> <p>p. 147-149 Nishida and Tanabe</p> <p>p. 213-216 Nishida Kitaro</p> <p>p. 275-276 NK and Unifying Consciousness</p> <p>p. 122-125 <i>The Fundamental mode of true reality</i> NK</p> <p>p. 245-247 <i>Intellectual Intuition</i> NK</p> <p>p. 126-128 <i>The Standpoint of Sunyata</i> Nishitani Keiji</p>
Th Apr. 11	BUDDHISM REVIEW	
T Apr 16	BUDDHISM EXAM	
Th Apr 18	Confucianism	<p>Brannigan</p> <p>p. 70-75 Historical overview & reality</p> <p>p. 26-27 Early Confucians</p> <p>p. 205-208 Epistemology</p> <p>p. 262-265 Ethics</p> <p>p. 335-336 Death</p> <p>p.298 304 Evil Nature Hsun Tzu</p> <p>p. 105-107 <i>The Nature of Things</i> Wang Ch'ung</p>

p.234-236 *Knowledge* Wang Ch'ung

p. 262-265 Confucian Ethics

p. 362-365 *Simplicity of Funerals*

T Apr 23

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p. 27-27 History Taoist School

p. 75-76 Tao as wu

p. 140-140 Forget the self

p. 204-205 Chuang Tzu

p.265-266 *Dao de Jing (Tao te Ching)* and ethics

p. 333-335 Death

p.102 104 *Tao te Ching*

Th Apr 25 Utilitarianism, Legalism and the Han Synthesis Brannigan

p. 28-30 Mohist School, Names, Yin-yang &
Legalists

p. 73-74 Hui Shih and Yin-yang

p. 141 142 Confucius and Tung Chung shu

p.207-208 School of Names

p. 266-267 Mohists and Legalists

p.336 Mo Tzu on death

p. 305-307 *Universal Love*

T Apr 30

Shinto handouts

Brannigan p. 273-275 Bushido

Th May 2

CHINESE & JAPANESE PHI REVIEW

Monday May 6 1:30pm – 4:00pm CHINESE AND JAPANESE PHI EXAM