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Requirements:
One term paper (20 pages) done through drafts
Weekend trip to Buddhist monastery
Padmasambhava.org (for info and directions)

Syllabus:
Use A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF SANTARAKSITA (SIPS) until June 12

May 22
Introduction:
Generic Buddhism SIPS 1-17
Film: Requiem for a Faith

May 27
Vaibhasika and Sautrantika

May 29
Mahayana Buddhism: The pursuit of reality, the realization of compassion, understanding mind SIPS p.18-31

The contribution of Santideva see Guide to the Bodhisattva’s Way of Life On reserve

June 3
9 YANAS

June 5
Introducing Buddhism into Tibet
Shantarakshita's arguments:

Is there a God?
Does matter exist?
Is there a self?

June 10

Santaraksita's arguments continued:

What is perception?
Do we ever perceive anything?
What is awareness?
What allows us to be continually aware?

JUNE 12

Quiz on philosophy

Emptiness, meditation and spiritual practice.
Overcoming pain and achieving bliss.

June 17 First drafts due

THE TIBETAN BOOK OF LIVING AND DYING On Reserve

Film: The Tibetan Book of the Dead

JUNE 19 First draft –read in class
When Things Fall Apart

June 24

Film: Kun Dun

June 26

Read final drafts and discuss

Weekend at Padma Samye Ling Buddhist Center June 27-29

Additional readings: (Copies of all books are on reserve)

ENLIGHTENED COURAGE On reserve

THE TIBETAN BOOK OF LIVING AND DYING On reserve

THE JOY OF LIVING On Reserve

Please have your final papers in by June 24.

Those who cannot come to Padma Samye Ling must do an additional 15 page paper

Indo-Tibetan books summer 2014

The Buddhist Path

Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche and Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche
When Things Fall Apart
Pema Chodron

A Short Introduction to the Philosophy of Santaraksita
Marie-Louise Friquegnon
New York: Coolgrove Press, 2013