

THE RELIGIONS OF ASIA

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[COURSE INFORMATION]

COURSE DESCRIPTION & GOALS	<p>To assist students to acquire the knowledge of Asian cultural and religious traditions</p> <p>To help students understand the Asian worldviews and values in relation to the Western religious traditions</p> <p>To broaden students intellectual perspective and enhance other forms of spiritual practice and religious manifestation</p>
PREREQUISITE	No prerequisite
COURSE REQUIREMENTS	Class participation and midterm and final exams
GRADING POLICY	<p>Class participation and discussion (10%)</p> <p>Midterm exam (40%)</p> <p>Final exam (50%)</p>
TEXTS & REFERENCES	Willard G. Oxtoby and Roy C. Amore, <i>World Religions: Eastern Traditions</i> (Third Edition), Oxford University Press, 2010

INSTRUCTOR'S PROFILE	<p>Young-chan Ro is Professor and Chair of Department of Religious Studies, and Director of Korean Studies Center at George Mason University. He is specialized in East Asian religions, especially the Confucian traditions, comparative religion, religious pluralism and dialogue. He is the author of the Korean <i>Neo-Confucianism of Yi Yulgok</i> and <i>Co-authored the Four-Seven Debate</i>, and has written numerous articles in comparative religion, Korean religions, and mysticism. He has served as a co-chair of Korean Religions Group of American Academy of Religion.</p>
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[WEEKLY SCHEDULE]

* Your detailed explanations would be very helpful for prospective students to get a pre-approval for credit-transfer from their home university in advance.

WEEK (PERIOD)	WEEKLY TOPIC & CONTENTS	COURSE MATERIAL & ASSIGNMENTS	REFERENCE
1	<p>About Religion Hindu Traditions (Harappa-Stages and Goals of Life)</p>	<p>Reading: Oxtoby and Amore, 2-55</p>	
2	<p>Hindu Traditions (Vedanta-The Hindu Diaspora)</p>	<p>Reading: Oxtoby and Amore, 55-105</p>	
3	<p>Sikh Traditions and Jaina Traditions</p>	<p>Reading: Oxtoby and Amore, 109-175</p>	Midterm Exam
4	<p>Buddhist Traditions</p>	<p>Reading: Oxtoby and Amore, 178-252</p>	

WEEK (PERIOD)	WEEKLY TOPIC & CONTENTS	COURSE MATERIAL & ASSIGNMENTS	REFERENCE
5	Chinese and Korean Traditions	Reading: Oxtoby and Amore, 256-325	
6	Japanese Traditions Current Issue	Reading: Oxtoby and Amore, 330-380	Final Exam