

## **PHILOSOPHY 101**

### *Introduction to Asian Philosophy*

Fall 2018

*Mid-Term Essay Exam*

Due Wednesday, October 10

Write a 4-5 page essay on the following topic. The paper should be double-spaced with proper 1 inch margins. Upload the essay to Laulima as an attached Word document or PDF file.

#### ***The Quest for Enlightenment***

The primary aim of almost all Indian philosophy is the quest for enlightenment. Explain the similarities and the differences between the quest for enlightenment in Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism. Using some of the primary texts covered in the course, explain the basic problem as understood in these three traditions and how the basic teachings of these philosophies are understood as solutions to this problem. To what extent would you find any of these philosophies relevant today?

### **Grading Rubric**

#### **1) Writing (20%)**

Grammar and spelling, composition and style. Your essay should be well organized. There should be an introduction, development of a theme, and a conclusion.

#### **2) Content (50%)**

The essay should reflect an adequate understanding of the texts. Your exposition of the texts should include some citations from the primary text material. All quotes should be properly marked within the text and must include a reference to the text cited.

#### **3) Reflection (30%)**

Your own thoughtful reflections on the topic.