



INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN PHILOSOPHY

Fall 2018 Syllabus

Philosophy 101

Section 001

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CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION

PHIL 101 Introduction to Asian Philosophy

Philosophical teachings of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Confucianism, Taoism, Neo-Confucianism, and Shintoism.

REQUIRED TEXT

Asian Philosophies, 6th ed. John M. Koller. Pearson, 2012.

WEB SITE

<http://tfreeman.net/Philosophy/101/>

COURSE CONTENT

This course will provide a broad overview of Asian philosophies. The course will introduce the student to a wide range of important philosophical texts. In the first half of the course we will focus on India, focusing on the development of the philosophies of Hinduism, Jainism, and Buddhism. Part two of the course will examine the development of philosophies in China and Japan. In Chinese philosophy the focus will be on Confucianism and Daoism in the classical period, the development of distinctively Chinese Buddhist philosophies, and then the Neo-Confucian attempt to synthesize Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism. We will then turn to Japan, considering the background of Shintoism and then the introduction of Buddhist philosophy, primarily focusing on the development of Zen. Finally, the course concludes with a consideration of the contemporary movement of Engaged Buddhism.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

[Philosophy courses for GE purposes]: (As with all Philosophy courses) Students who successfully complete the course will be able to:

- *respond clearly, logically and critically to examination questions and discussion questions about some important philosophical issues relevant to the course;
- *read, comprehend, and discuss philosophical texts relevant to the course;
- *compose effective written materials that assimilate, synthesize and reflect on course information;
- *identify and describe in writing and in class discussion some important aspects of the cultural heritage and contributions of Western philosophy.

COURSE FORMAT

Classroom sessions will be both lecture and discussion.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

- * All students are expected to come to class on time and to bring their books as well as paper and pen suitable for taking notes of class lectures.
- * No laptop computers are to be used during class time.
- * Active cellular telephones or paging devices are not permitted in class.
- * No consumption of food is allowed during the class period.

GRADING

The final grade will be based on the following:

- 1) Three take-home short essay assignments (25% each)
- Final Exam (25% each)

Attendance is important! More than 3 unexcused absences will negatively impact your grade.

Grading will be determined according to the following scale:

A 95-100 Excellent	C+ 77-79
A-90-94	C 74-76 Satisfactory
B+ 87-89	C- 70-73
B 84-86 Good	D 60-70 Poor
B- 80-83	F 0-59 Failure

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Advising is a very important resource designed to help students complete the requirements of the University and their individual majors. Students should consult with their advisor at least once a semester to decide on courses, check progress towards graduation, and discuss career options and other educational opportunities provided by UH Hilo. Advising is a shared responsibility, but students have final responsibility for meeting degree requirements.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

As stated in the UH Hilo General Catalog and in the Student Conduct Code, plagiarism and cheating are forms of academic dishonesty. In other words, do your own work; all work presented as yours should be your own work. Academic dishonesty will have serious consequences! The University of Hawai'i at Hilo Student Code of Conduct available at the following URL:

<http://hilo.hawaii.edu/catalog/student-conduct-code.html>

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Kilohana: The Academic Success Center provides a range of free, drop-in academic services and resources to all currently enrolled UH Hilo students. Services include access to peer student staff from a range of academic majors, course related resources (handouts, practice exams, etc.) PC desktops with subject specific software, and study environments for individuals and small groups. Please check the Kilohana website at <https://hilo.hawaii.edu/kilohana/> for information, locations, and contact phone numbers for our various Centers on campus. You can also call 932-7287 (Karla Hayashi) or 932-7294 (Lindsay Heller) for more information.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Any student with a documented disability who would like to request accommodations should contact the Disability Services Office - Student Services Center E230, 932-7623 (V), 932-7002 (TTY), uds@hawaii.edu - as early in the semester as possible.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The University of Hawai'i at Hilo prohibits discrimination in its education programs based on race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or associational preference. If at any time during class you feel uncomfortable about what is being talked about, or feel that your human rights have been violated, please feel free to leave the room. However, I ask that you confer with me as soon as possible about what happened so that appropriate action can be taken if necessary to avoid future problems. If you are uncomfortable speaking with me about your concern, please contact Jennifer Stotter (jstotter@hawaii.edu), EEO/AA Director, at 932-7641.

MENTAL HEALTH/SUICIDE PREVENTION

The UH Hilo community is committed to and cares about all students. Life at college can get complicated. Students sometimes feel overwhelmed, lost, experience anxiety or depression, struggle with relationship difficulties, family responsibilities, or diminished self-esteem. However, supportive services are available and effective. UH Hilo Counseling Services helps undergraduate and graduate students cope with difficult emotions and life stressors. Counseling Services is staffed by experienced, professional counselors, who are attuned to the diverse needs of all types of college students. The services are FREE and completely confidential. Find out more at <https://hilo.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/counseling> or by calling (808) 932-7465.

For immediate help, contact The Crisis Line of Hawaii [1-800-753-6879](tel:1-800-753-6879), the National Suicide Prevention Hotline [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) (suicidepreventionlifeline.org), or text "Aloha" or "Hello" to the Crisis Text Line [741-741](tel:741-741).

TITLE IX

The University of Hawaii is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these, the University has staff and resources on your campus to support and assist you. Staff can also direct you to resources that are in the community. Here are some of your options:

If you wish to remain **ANONYMOUS**, speak with someone **CONFIDENTIALLY**, or would like to receive information and support in a **CONFIDENTIAL** setting, contact:

UH Hilo Counseling Services: SSC, room E-203, 932-7465.

UH Hilo Medical Services: Campus Center, room 212, 932-7369

Hawaii Island YWCA, 935-0677

If you wish to **REPORT** an incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking as well as receive information and support*, contact:

Libby Bailey, Title IX Coordinator: 932-7818 libby.bailey@hawaii.edu

Jennifer Stotter, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity & Deputy Title IX Coordinator: 932-7641
jstotter@hawaii.edu

Kalei Rapoza, Interim Director of Human Resources, 932-7626 kaleihii@hawaii.edu

* Please note that you do not have to file a report with the University to receive institutional support or assistance.

As a member of the University faculty, I am **required to immediately report** any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator. Although the Title IX Coordinator and I cannot guarantee confidentiality, you will still have options about how your case will be handled. My goal is to make sure you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources and support you need. For more information regarding sex discrimination and gender-based violence, the University's Title IX resources and the University's Policy, Interim EP 1.204, go to: <http://www.hawaii.edu/titleix>.

UH HILO SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

UH Hilo provides confidential assistance for victims of sexual assault. Counseling Services on— campus and the YWCA Sexual Support Services off — campus offer guidance regarding medical assistance and emotional help and can discuss options for reporting sexual assaults to law enforcement. All conversations are private and confidential. See UH Hilo's Sexual Assault Policy: <http://hilo.hawaii.edu/uhh/vcsa/documents/UHHSexualAssaultPolicy.pdf>

For assistance during the day, contact UH Hilo Counseling Services at 808.932.7465; or, after hours and on weekends, contact the YWCA Sexual Assault Support Services at (808) 935-0677.

PART I: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Week 1: The Origins of Indian Philosophy

Monday, 20 August *Course Introduction and Orientation*
Indus River Valley Civilization

Wednesday, 22 August *The Vedas*

Friday, 24 August *The Vedas*

Asian Philosophies (1-17)

Week 2: Hinduism—The Vision of the Seers

Monday, 27 August *The Upanishads*
The Fire of Samsara and the Quest for Enlightenment
August 28: last day to withdraw without owing tuition

Wednesday, 29 August *The Upanishads*
The Secret of Yoga

Friday, 31 August *The Upanishads*
The Vision

Asian Philosophies (17-23)

Week 3: Jainism

Monday, 03 September ***Holiday—Labor Day***

Wednesday, 05 September *The Jain Vision*
Karmic bondage

Friday, 07 September *The Jain Vision*
The way of liberation

Asian Philosophies (24-36)

Week 4: The Teachings of the Buddha

Monday, 10 September *The Pali Canon*
The Four Noble Truths
September 11: last day to withdraw without "W"*

Wednesday, 12 September *The Pali Canon*
The Fire Sermon

Friday, 14 September *The Pali Canon*
Mindfulness Meditation

Asian Philosophies (37-52)

Week 9: Confucius

Monday, 15 October *The Analects of Confucius*

Wednesday, 17 October *The Analects of Confucius*

Friday, 19 October *The Analects of Confucius*

Asian Philosophies (196-206)

Week 10: The Development of Confucian Philosophy

Monday, 22 October *The Mengzi*

Wednesday, 24 October *The Mengzi*

Friday, 26 October *Xunzi & Zhongshu*

Asian Philosophies (207-216)

Week 11: Daoism—The Daodejing

Monday, 29 October *The Daodejing*

October 29: last day to withdraw with "W"*

Wednesday, 31 October *The Daodejing*

Friday, 02 November *The Daodejing*

Asian Philosophies (217-224)

Week 12: Daoism—The Zhuangzi

Monday, 05 November *The Zhuangzi*

Wednesday, 07 November *The Zhuangzi*

Friday, 09 November *The Zhuangzi*

Asian Philosophies (225-236)

Week 13: Chinese Buddhism

Monday, 12 November ***Holiday—Veteran's Day***

Wednesday, 14 November *Buddhism Comes to China*
Tiantai, Huayan, and Pure Land Buddhism

Friday, 16 November *Chan Buddhism*
The Platform Sutra

Asian Philosophies (237-247)

Week 14: Neo-Confucianism

Monday, 19 November	<i>Neo-Confucianism</i> <i>Zhou Dunyi and the Great Ultimate</i>
Wednesday, 21 November	<i>Neo-Confucianism</i> <i>Development of Neo-Confucianism</i>
Friday, 23 November	**Non-Instructional Day**

Asian Philosophies (248-265)

Week 15: Buddhism Comes to Japan

Monday, 26 November	<i>Tendai & Pure Land Buddhism</i>
Wednesday, 28 November	<i>Zen Buddhism</i> <i>Dogen</i>
Friday, 30 November	<i>Zen Buddhism</i> <i>Hakuin</i>

Asian Philosophies (275-296)

Week 16: Engaged Buddhism

Monday, 03 December	Thich Nhat Hanh <i>The Sun My Heart</i>
Wednesday, 28 December	The Dalai Lama

Final Exam

Monday, 10 December (11:50 — 1:50 pm)

****schedule is subject to revision****